

Teacher Profile



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Mrs Bartle



Mrs Bartle joined Gateways in 2007. She is the Head of Early Years and has responsibility for the pastoral care for pupils in the Nursery through to Reception. She teaches across EYFS as well as teaching art to Transition and maths to Lower 1.

What made you want to be a teacher and have you always been a teacher?

I always knew I wanted to work with young children, and I originally qualified as a nursery nurse and began working at St James University Hospital. After having children of my own, I ran a playgroup in Bramhope village hall.

I gained my degree as a mature student and knew teaching in early years was my vocation. Once qualified I worked at Gateways then went on to lecture at Keighley College, returning to Gateways in my present role.

What was your favourite subject when you were at school and why?

I liked art but I loved English mainly because the English teacher was so interesting and his lessons were inspiring. He helped me believe in myself!

Do you have any advice for pupils (or teachers) thinking of joining Gateways

Do it! Gateways is a nurturing environment that supports each individual to achieve their true potential. From a parent perspective, my daughter joined Gateways and excelled beyond all expectation due to the nurturing environment and small class sizes.

Fun Fact

Mrs Bartle is one of five children, the middle one. She grew up at the seaside and worked in a fish and chip shop on a Saturday.

When and how did you become involved in the pastoral side of school life?

My role in school as Head of Early Years incorporates pastoral care and it is an area I feel strongly about. I believe pastoral care is pivotal to a happy school experience and underpins every aspect of school life. School should be a place where children thrive, gain confidence and learn to navigate their world. Every child counts and should be heard, I have always given this priority. Sometimes something as simple as a welcoming smile can make the difference to a child's day.

What kind of things does being a pastoral lead entail and what do you enjoy most?

I am involved in teaching, supporting and helping children's personal, social and emotional development - such as sharing, turn talking, modelling being kind and thoughtful and sorting out disagreements and friendships. This helps children navigate social situations and supports their well-being. I support and advise parents too. I enjoy seeing children learn how to use some of the strategies we teach and model to resolve situations independently. The rewards are plentiful and no two days are the same.

What is your favourite book?

Little Red by Bethan Woollvin

Do you have someone who has inspired you (or is still inspiring you)?

Dr Seuss. I love his quotes. They are meaningful, thought provoking and positive.