

**MAKING
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BETTER**

TEAM TALK

*MEETING THE PEOPLE
WHO MAKE LIVES BETTER*

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*Holding God's hand, we go in Faith together, we
dream, believe, achieve.*



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What's your perfect weekend?

Long family walks with my husband, little boy and husky in the woods followed by a home-cooked meal (which I didn't have to cook) and curling up in front of the fire with a good book or movie.

Describe a moment in your current role that made you feel especially proud.

I feel very fortunate in my role as deputy headteacher and writing lead to see children's work across the school and to witness their progress over time. One moment which stood out recently was a child who had previously been disengaged with writing experiencing a real breakthrough. The child gave me a Christmas card in which they explained that they hadn't previously understood or enjoyed writing, but now they loved it. They were so proud of this change that they had chosen to write a story at home and bring it in to show me.

If you could swap roles with anyone in the Trust for a day, who would it be and what would you hope to learn?

I absolutely love data and assessment, so perhaps a role in the central team with someone who works with trust-wide data. I'd love to be able to analyse the outcomes across the trust, identifying strengths and common areas for development.

Do you have a favourite place you love to visit again and again?

Abersoch in North Wales. My parents and sister live there, and it is a very serene place to visit, especially in winter when it is quiet. The beaches are lovely for family walks, and we love being outdoors there.

In one sentence, how would you sum up what "Making Lives Better" means to you?

To me, "Making Lives Better" means creating a positive, lasting impact by helping children and those around them grow in confidence, feel valued, and reach their full potential.

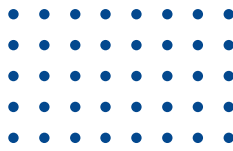
What's something surprising about your job that most people wouldn't know?

I am not sure it is surprising, but no two days are ever the same. Some days I feel like a nurse, printer technician (a very bad one), a teacher, a counsellor for adults and children or an office admin assistant. The roles are endless, but all rewarding.





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What's one thing on your bucket list you still hope to tick off?

Can winning the lottery be on my bucket list? In all seriousness, I would love to run a marathon, although I am a very long way off being able to tick it off!

What do you think makes your school a unique place to work or learn?

There is a really strong sense of community. Many staff have worked at SSPP for a long time, which gives the school a real family feel. People genuinely care about each other and about the children, and there's a shared understanding of what matters most. Because of this, children are really well known and supported, and staff feel valued and invested in the school. It's a warm, positive place to work and learn and that comes through every day.

If you could instantly learn a new skill to use in your role, what would it be?

To be able to be in two places at once! We often get to the end of the day and say that there aren't enough hours in the day.

Which book, TV show or film do you recommend to everyone?

I am a creature of habit when it comes to TV shows and movies, often rewatching my old favourites. Book wise, I love a Diane Chamberlain novel; they typically tackle serious or thought-provoking topics but centre around family secrets or personal dilemmas and always have a few twists which I never see coming!





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