



During a career in retail management, on my days off, I began to volunteer as a teaching assistant in a local primary school, supporting children in the Early Years class. I absolutely loved the experience and that was when I decided to change career and train as a teacher. Fast forward sixteen years and I still have the same passion for teaching, aiming to provide the best possible outcomes for children in my care.

I have worked in a variety of schools during my career in education. Initially, I worked in a small village school and then a town-based primary school. After five years in education I took on the role of deputy head in a large primary school in Harrogate. Early on I was awarded Specialist Leader in Education, supporting schools across North Yorkshire and latterly within our academy trust.

Following the retirement of the head teacher in 2020, I took on the headship role just as the pandemic hit. Despite making a very successful transition to headship, I have found that my heart remains in the classroom and curriculum leadership. Last term, I made the decision to return to a deputy head role so I could teach again and have direct impact in developing the school's curriculum. In doing so, I am delighted to be able to join the Bramhope team. The school has an excellent reputation and I hope that through my wide ranging experience, I can make a positive contribution to this fantastic school. I can't wait to meet the children, staff, parents and wider community at Bramhope and I hope that over the next few months I will be able to do so.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two young daughters (well, one young daughter and another maybe not so young as she will be attending secondary school next year!). I enjoy watching all sports but as a father I can now be found spectating from the side of a swimming pool or a muddy football pitch! I do try to keep fit and over the years competed in triathlon events and more recently running events, including marathons.