



GATEWAY SCHOOL
GREAT MISSENDEN

Eleanor Pyper

What attracted you to the role at Gateway School?

I was attracted to the role at Gateway because of the nurturing ethos of the school. I believe the school is committed to providing outstanding early years provision for young children.

What skills and experience can you bring to Gateway School?

I am about to commence my fifth year as a teacher. I trained in Reception and Year 1. Following this I taught a Nursery Class and for the last two years, I have led a team teaching a mixed class of Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children in a village school.

Prior to teaching, I spent 13 years working as a project manager for two property development companies, following my graduation in Politics and Sociology from the University of Warwick.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I had always wanted to be a teacher, but my father encouraged me to read a subject I loved (good advice I think) and after graduating I travelled to Australia, America and Mexico and wanted to experience life away from education.

My interest in teaching was re-ignited following the birth of my sons and after completing my PGCE, I was delighted to secure the opportunity to teach.

What's the best thing about being a teacher?

I adore teaching young children about the world and bringing wonder and magic into their lives. It is incredibly rewarding to be part of children's development as they progress through their Reception year. To play a role in children's emotional and academic development during their first year at school is a privilege.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

During my spare time, I enjoy spending time outdoors with my husband, our two children, family and friends.

I enjoy swimming, cycling, running and camping. I like to relax by gardening and singing. I am part of the Everyone Can Sing Choir in High Wycombe.



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