



GATEWAY SCHOOL  
GREAT MISSENDEN

Kim Levin

## What attracted you to the role at Gateway School?

The ethos that Gateway School promote, namely that a child's education should not be solely based on academics and that individuality should be celebrated, is an ethos that I wholeheartedly agree with. It is this ethos that attracted me to the role.

## What skills and experience can you bring to Gateway School?

Before becoming a teacher I was a graphic designer so I feel I would be able to offer my creative skills as well as a love and appreciation for the arts. With regards to experience, I feel my time spent as a learning mentor gives me the ability to identify and support those pupils who are not fully accessing the curriculum due to circumstances outside of the classroom.

## Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I had been made redundant from my design job so I decided to travel and volunteer through Southern Africa. During this time I was given the opportunity to teach English, maths and expressive arts in a rural school. Even though I had no previous teaching experience I fell in love with being able to impart knowledge to a group of children and to see the progress they made in such a short space of time. It was this experience that helped me make the decision to change my career from graphic design to teaching.

## What's the best thing about being a teacher?

Every day is different when you are a teacher. Children are constantly growing, learning and developing their own personalities. To be able to influence and assist in this process, is for me, an extremely great honour. One of my proudest moments was when the parent of a Year 6 pupil, who I had taught in Year 4, came to tell me that their child had passed the 11+. She felt I had a part to play as I had help build her child's confidence and belief in herself.

## What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

In my spare time I enjoy going on trips with my wife and children as well as visiting friends and family. Listening to music, collecting records, going to watch live music, watching films and reading are all also things that I enjoy doing.



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