



Profile for Nicola George, LSA

What attracted you to the role at Gateway?

The Learning Support Assistant role at Gateway attracted me for various reasons. Gateway school has an excellent standard of education and a wonderfully warm, friendly and vibrant atmosphere. There are a wide range of activities available and participation and team spirit are encouraged. It is an inspiring learning environment.

What skills and experience can you bring to Gateway?

From work before and during raising my own family, I have a broad mix of skills and experience to bring to Gateway. Work has included: au pair in Lausanne, Switzerland; physiotherapy, involving teaching ability; Manager of Senior Discussion Meetings, between Industry and the Civil Service, at the British Institute of Management; Personal Assistant to a Career and Management Development Consultant; Teaching Assistant in a Nursery class; Learning Support Assistant to a Year 6 Statemented pupil. I have been a school governor since 2008. These roles have all included strong communication, team-working and support skills. My own son, Statemented due to a physical disability, has had a 50% absence level throughout his education, including university, so I have been more closely involved than average in supporting him.

What's the best thing about being a learning support assistant?

The best thing about being a Learning Support Assistant is working with children, encouraging and helping their enthusiasm and confidence in learning. I have much enjoyed supporting children of different ages throughout their education and very much look forward to continuing to do so. Their natural thirst for knowledge is inspiring and infectious!

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

In my spare time I enjoy reading, singing in a choir, Italian Language classes, seeing friends and family, gardening, swimming, tennis and walking the dog.