

Pen Portrait for Fiona Robertson

I have worked as a Headteacher for almost 6 years in a First School setting. During this time the school has grown in number from 77 to 115 children and from 3 classes to 4. In January 2014 the School was judged as Good in its Ofsted Inspection and Outstanding in the SIAMS later in the same year. Working in a small village School is not without its challenges, but I am fortunate to work alongside a hard working team together with a committed governing body who all work collaboratively towards achieving the best outcomes for young children.

Prior to becoming a Headteacher I worked in another First School setting as a class teacher for 6 years and then as an Assistant Headteacher for 2 years where I also completed my NPQH. I have also worked in the retail sector as a Personnel and Training and Development Manager for 7 years prior to completing my B. Ed Honours degree in teacher training.

I also have experience working as a vice chair of governors in a Primary School which I have done for 7 years and where I sit on the personnel and curriculum committees. We have just recently appointed a new Headteacher which was an interesting collaborative task with a successful outcome.

I have been supporting another First School as an LLE since November 2014 and working together with an interim Headteacher to move the School out of the category it currently finds itself. Whilst this role has been a challenge, there is now evidence that standards are starting to improve in the School which is the result of all the hard work within the current School community. Working as an LLE has provided a valuable insight into the importance of maintaining strong leadership and management in a School, without which standards can very quickly subside.