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I have been at Winsor Primary School for the last 8 years and I have worked with some amazing teachers and staff who have inspired and championed me. Part of the joy in working at Winsor has been the school spirit of being part of a team.

I was supported through the Graduate Teacher Programme (GTP) and having a salary as an untrained teacher was a major benefit. After the GTP, I completed my NQT year with a Year 3 class and have always been partnered with great year group teachers. Over the last 8 years I have had coordinator responsibilities for Art and Music and have received great mentoring from Year Group partners, the Deputy Head and Head Teacher. The CPD training has been tailored to my specific development needs and provided opportunities to mentor student teachers, lead year groups and whole school responsibilities. As an Assistant Head, we all receive up to date training to develop as leaders.

As a school we have developed creatively and this shows through the use of Project Based Learning (PBL), an area of the school I now lead on as Assistant Head Teacher. My passion is to see non-core subjects be taught to the same standard and importance as English and Maths. As a school, we have embraced major aspects of PBL and are developing an exciting curriculum.

The environment is fast paced and varied from week to week and I enjoy the ambitions we have as a school take on new ideas to ensure that our children receive the best and have the chance to be the difference. Being able to implement change and drive standards is a new challenge that I relish. The reward of seeing the children make progress and enjoy being part of Winsor is what keeps me here. My fondest memories have been working with 1:1 SEN children, running school events such as our Cultural Carnival, Big Dance and Christmas Performances.

I have lived in Newham since I was 14 and wanted to give back to the community as I started here as a teaching assistant. I have stayed because I have felt trusted by leadership, given room to grow and the opportunity to take on responsibility for areas of the school that I am extremely passionate about. This was apparent when I was given the space and time to complete a Foundation Art degree year whilst working part-time as a PPA cover teacher. I gained invaluable experience working across the whole school and understanding the progression of learning over all subjects. The school has changed in so many ways over my time here and yet I feel that we still have a vibrant welcoming community. The heart of this school is a passionate group of people who want to give their best to the children; throwing all their innovation and creativity into experiences that will stay with our children for the rest of their lives.