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There is something wonderful about working at Winsor Primary School and over the years I have been asked why I stayed. Firstly, I love how culturally diverse Winsor is, and coming from a culturally diverse background, I felt it important for my own children to attend such a school. All three of my children have been Winsor pupils.

I came to Winsor for my second PGCE teaching practice in January 1999. I had an amazing mentor Fiona, and the children were an exciting, dynamic and challenging group of Year 1 pupils. Towards the end of my practice I was accepted as an NQT by Newham and offered a job at Winsor, taking the children I had spent a large part of my training with up to Year 2.

My NQT year was memorable and a fantastic learning curve on SATs, behaviour management, time management and developing relationships with parents and carers. With the support of my mentor, Polly I passed my NQT year and was looking forward to a career teaching in KS1. During my second year of teaching, I was offered the chance to teach in Reception and eventually Nursery, where I have continued to teach.

Getting to know our families is also an important reason why I am here. I have seen many pupils grow and develop, and return to us in Year 10 for their work experience or hoping to go into teaching because of their time at Winsor. This is a true testament to the influence Winsor can have on those who come here.

From Nursery upwards we strive to give our pupils purposeful experiences which prepare them for the next phase in life. The support from colleagues has played an important role in my career and has helped me immensely in my current role as Assistant Head. As Early Years phase leader, I'm excited about the developments in the Early Years and am working on projects to make Winsor the hub of the community in our corner of Beckton.