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**Safeguarding & Pastoral Manager**

My time at Winsor Primary School first began many years ago when my son started in Reception and my daughter in Nursery. I received such a welcome from the school and the staff, I decided to enrol onto a Teaching Assistant Course and began my career as a volunteer. My love for the school and my passion for supporting children grew and I was offered a job as a Learning Support Assistant to work with the more challenging children. I have never looked back!

Since then my role has evolved over my 17 years here; I have always been encouraged to attend a wide range of courses and I have gained a huge amount of knowledge and experience as well as qualifications as part of my CPD.

Winsor Primary School has supported me enormously along my career path. With my dedication for helping others and Senior Management's encouragement and belief in me I have now been promoted from Learning Mentor to Safeguarding & Pastoral Manager and am also part of the Extended Leadership Team.

I feel privileged to be part of a culturally rich school in a diverse community. I feel honoured to be part of everyone's journey in which, staff, pupils and their families are committed and able to move forward. It is an amazing feeling to witness progress and development through the years.

We are very fortunate to have a large and strong Leadership Team, Pastoral Team and Inclusion Team. We have the ability and the resources to cater for all of our pupils and families' needs so that they can flourish and grow; and all of our staff's needs so that they can progress forward in their careers.

One of the highlights is when I meet former pupils now bringing their children to Winsor – what a positive endorsement for the school!

We are all about 'being the difference'.