



Specialist Leader of Education (SLE) pen portrait

Louise Chadwick – Assistant Head at St Christopher’s Catholic Primary School, Liverpool

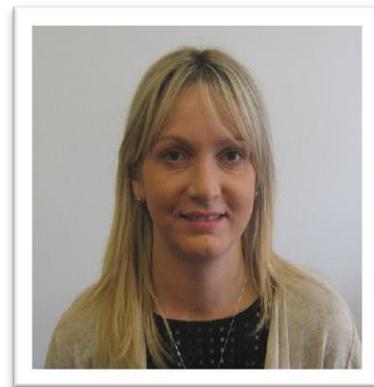
Specialist areas:

Family Support

Parent Involvement

Leadership

Data



Louise’s work experience:

Louise has over 12 years teaching experience and during this time she has taught across Early Years, Key Stage 1 and 2. Her role has been to develop and enhance the parent and community work in her school. In her role she has helped facilitate changes. The school has gone from having very little parent support to now having a vast amount of parental involvement and community support.

Louise brought FAST, a program from Middlesex University to the school. This program allows for the whole family to be involved. This is done through a range of focussed activities to strengthen the family bond. The program has been a massive success in St Christopher’s. We have seen confidence built up in families, better relationships with school, parents and children and barriers overcome. Louise is now a trained trainer for FAST and is going out to other schools to equip them to deliver the program.

Louise has developed a thriving PTA at St. Christopher’s. This group is responsible for organising events to raise money for the school. As a result of Louise successfully leading this initiative, the PTA members are growing every year. The PTA now has a number of annual events that they organise, including the pensioners coffee morning and Summer Fayre.

St Christopher’s, through Louise’s hard work, now have key community links. The school has regular visits from people in the local community such as Community Police and local businesses. This allows for our children to have high aspirations and develop life skills.

Louise has developed citizenship within the school. Citizenship is now a key area in the school with a clear vision and focus. The school has an annual event where all children are split into mixed groups from Reception to Year 6. They have to complete a given task using life skills based on 13 entrepreneurial skills.

All of these attributes in a school allow for a strong social, moral, spiritual and cultural education. This is something that was quoted about in a recent inspection. Strong community and parent’s links in a school allow for all to be working together for the good of each child. This is evident in the work Louise has done.

Louise has developed staff, students and colleagues at other schools. Louise has performance managed staff and does this in a supportive way. Louise allows staff to succeed and to be the



best they can, not only for themselves but also for the children of St Christopher's. Louise helps staff to reflect on their practice and to set targets that will benefit both themselves and the school.

Louise is regularly involved in reviewing data. This data feeds into the School Improvement Plan and sets targets for the end of key stages. As Assistant Head Louise understands the importance of using the data to set targets that are reviewed regularly. It is vital that a school works together to develop a School Improvement Plan to continue to take them from strength to strength. As an Assistant Headteacher Louise actively supports the Headteacher in moving the school forward.