Karen Gilgar

Governor Bio

Initially I taught English as a Foreign Language in Italy to adults and then returned to London to complete my probationary year as a teacher in a middle school.

After this, I worked for several years in Bader First School, RAF Bruggen in Germany. When I returned to England I worked in Berkshire, where experienced teachers taught me the importance of matching readers to appropriate books.

The majority of my teaching experience has been in Cardiff in primary schools. I enhanced my qualifications there with an MA (Ed.) and a Dip.SEN (SpLD).

As well as teaching in primary schools, I worked with asylum seekers and unaccompanied asylum seekers and with South Glamorgan, assessing children with Specific Learning Difficulties.

My final employment in Cardiff was in a Secondary School Resource Base, working with pupils who had Statements of Educational Need for Specific Learning Difficulties.

After the pandemic, I was employed in Bath in a primary school with children who needed to enhance their literacy skills, using a programme entitled ‘The Lightening Squad’.

Colerne Church of England Primary School is already a successful school. I hope that my overview of education will assist the school as ‘Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see’.