

Sarah Cresswell, Alexandra Park Primary School

SLE: Early Years

Sarah is Head of Foundation Stage at Alexandra Park Primary School.

Sarah has been able to use her vision, knowledge and understanding of best practice in Early Years to lead her team in developing outstanding practice which has had a positive impact upon outcomes for children. Sarah's commitment and dedication comes from a strong belief that all children are entitled to outstanding teaching and learning opportunities so that they can develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes to learning that will make them lifelong learners.

A significant part of Sarah's role has been to develop other Early Years practitioners through personalised professional development that enhances their strengths and that supports them to improve their practice. Sarah is one of the Local Authority Early Years Foundation Stage Associate Partners.

Sarah has recently graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University after successfully gaining her Masters in Leadership in Early Years. The research that she has completed for her dissertation has proven very valuable in supporting children with their transitions starting Reception and across the school.