

Our Primary Learning Team



Alaine Sanders

About

Alaine joined the team as a School Improvement Officer in 2018. During her 15 years as a primary school teacher and senior leader in schools across Liverpool, she has taught all age groups from Reception to Year 6.

Alaine is a visiting fellow of Ambition Institute, delivering the NPQ in Leading Literacy and is a Nationally Accredited Lead Moderator for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. She enjoys working with school leaders, teachers and teaching assistants to develop and enhance the teaching and learning of English, including phonics.

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Jackie Salim-Smith

About

After 25 years as a primary school teacher and senior leader in schools across Merseyside, Jackie joined the team as a School Improvement Officer in 2015.

Jackie works with schools to develop teaching and learning in maths and since 2020, has also worked alongside schools training and supporting subject leaders in the wider curriculum subjects. Jackie is a Nationally Accredited Lead Moderator for Key Stage 1.

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Jo Millard

About

Jo joined the Primary Learning Team in 2015 after teaching for 10 years. Initially joining SIL as a Maths specialist, she has since become a member of the wider curriculum team, supporting schools in Liverpool and across the Northwest in Art

and Design, Computing, Design and Technology, Geography and History.

Jo is also a Local Leader of Maths Education working closely with the North West 3 Maths Hub.

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Lisa Baggaley

About

Lisa has been part of the Primary Learning Team since 2009, after teaching in Reception and across the primary age range for 15 years.

She is an accredited Every Child Counts Trainer, a Teacher Leader on the Mathematical Reasoning project with Oxford University and a Professional Development Lead for the NCETM. Lisa enjoys working with school leaders, teachers and teaching assistants to support and enhance the teaching and learning of maths and phonics.

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Melanie Pitt

About

Mel began working with the Primary Learning Team in 2017 after working in Primary schools for 20 years as a teacher and senior leader. She has taught all age groups from EYFS to Year 7.

She has also led on most subjects within the curriculum across several authorities. Mel is part of the maths and wider curriculum teams and supports leadership, teaching and learning across the curriculum.

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Sean Jones

About

Sean joined The Primary Learning Team in 2020 after teaching and leading in Liverpool and is a member of the phonics, English and wider curriculum teams.

Sean is also coordinator for the Liverpool Reading Programme, supporting the implementation of 'Read, Write Inc.' phonics as part of the Liverpool Education Improvement Plan.

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Shelley Pennington

About

Shelley joined SIL in 2019, following a long career working as a primary school teacher and senior leader in schools in Liverpool.

Joining as a School Improvement Officer, Shelley works across schools in the Liverpool City Region and the Northwest, supporting teaching and learning in English and the wider curriculum.

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Stephanie Wells

About

Steph joined SIL in 2008 after a long career as teacher and senior leader and initially worked cross-phase supporting schools and learning networks. As a member of SIL's Primary Learning Team for over 8 years, she works with leadership teams

and teachers across the North West to support wider curriculum development, teaching and learning.

Steph also co-ordinates the 'Opening Worlds' humanities programme as part of the Liverpool Education Improvement Plan and is a School Improvement Partner to several primary schools.

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Sue Killen

About

Sue joined SIL in 2010, following a career as a primary school teacher. Joining as a Maths Consultant. Sue now leads the Primary Learning Team, who work alongside schools to support teaching and learning across the curriculum.

She works closely with primary Headteachers and other stakeholders across Merseyside, ensuring the resources, training and projects we develop meet the needs of schools, networks, MATs and SATs.

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