

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break.

I know Mrs Wilson leaving will have been a shock for lots of you as she was such a valued, knowledgeable and supportive member of the Minch community. In the time I spent with her before she left I had an insight into her passion for Minch and am looking forward to being welcomed into the Minch community to continue her amazing work.

I left Education knowing I want to be a teacher and have always had a huge interest in Special Educational Needs from the start of my Teacher Training. I chose to complete Special School placements when training and my first teaching post as a qualified teacher was at Amberley Ridge in Stroud, which was a school for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs before being relocated to Cheltenham and renamed The Ridge. I then went on to teach at Belmont School for 6 years, which was then a school for children with Moderate and Complex Needs. Here I led the Primary department and became an Outreach Teacher, supporting Mainstream schools with their SEN provision.

After having my first child I decided I wanted to bring my SEN knowledge to Mainstream Education and started teaching Reception children at Dursley C of E Primary Academy. Here I began spending more time supporting our vulnerable children and families, until after having my second child I returned to spend more time out of class fulfilling this role and becoming Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

I became a qualified SENCO in October 2020 and have since also trained as Designated Mental Health Lead. I am also the Designated Teacher for Looked After Children. I will be continuing to work at Dursley alongside working at Minch Monday's and Tuesday's with the SEN Team, Mrs Wilcox and Mrs Dawks.

Mrs Wilcox will be overseeing the day to day support and management of Early Years, Year 1, 2 and 3 children.

Mrs Dawks will be overseeing the day to day support and management of Y4-Y6 children.

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I will be overseeing and supporting all children with EHCPs, on route to applying for an EHCP or children working with other agencies.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the SEN team on sen@minchschool.net where myself, Mrs Wilcox or Mrs Dawks will get back to you as soon as possible.

I look forward to meeting and working with you.

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