

Local Leaders in Education Pen Portrait

Name of LLE:	Glyn Bishop
School Name:	Waterton Academy Trust
Teaching School Alliance:	Aspire Teaching School Alliance
<p>I have worked in the Wakefield Local Authority for the majority of my teaching career and for the last 8 years as the Headteacher at Middlestown School. I have taken the school from a LA grade 4 (school causing concern) to finally achieving 'Good' in 2015. Like many schools we found our journey to good difficult and very trying at times with the bar continuing to be raised just as we got there! We joined the Accord Multi Academy Trust as I believe that 4 heads are better than 1 and for a school to remain successful they need to work effectively with other schools who have a similar ethos and vision to improve life chances for the children in their locality.</p> <p>I would like to support other headteachers and schools in securing good and striving for outstanding. I had very good support from an NLE and a very good school improvement advisor and believe this was crucial in reaching the standards required and ensuring that we had the effective systems in place. I believe I can now share some of the skills gained with other schools to help them.</p> <p>I have always felt very strongly that in an education system, where time is such a precious commodity, and everybody is under pressure to achieve ever higher standards, that we simply do not have time to reinvent the wheel. Despite these pressures, I am passionate about improving schools and remain enthusiastic about attaining these higher standards-I still believe I have the best job in the world!</p>	

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Name of LLE:	Joanne Frost
School Name:	Stanley Grove Primary and Nursery School
Teaching School Alliance:	Aspire Teaching School Alliance
<p>I have been teaching in Wakefield for 24 years, and I have taught all year groups across KS1 and KS2. I have been in my current role as a Head Teacher for the last 8 years. During that time, the school has moved from RI to Good and in 3 of those years, has been recognised as being in the top 20% of schools nationally for progress in Reading, Writing and Maths at KS2.</p> <p>My strengths lie in developing middle and senior leaders, including governors; creating rigorous and accurate tracking systems and improving teaching to become consistently good and better. I have led the development of the curriculum in school, with an emphasis on attaining high academic standards, as well as being a creative curriculum which is relevant and stimulating for our pupils. The outdoor area is used to broaden the curriculum further, including Forest School teaching and we have invested heavily in our PE and Sports to increase participation of pupils in competitions as well as daily physical activities. I am currently the Chair of the Outwood Together partnership of schools. This is a partnership of eight schools which work closely together developing moderation and CPD opportunities across the schools. The partnership includes LA maintained schools, stand-alone academies, Church schools, schools from academy trusts and a special school, all of which brings a wealth of experiences and opportunities for our pupils and staff.</p> <p>I look forward to the opportunity of working with other schools in my role as a Local Leader of Education.</p>	

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Name of LLE:	Julie Tomlinson
School Name:	Middlestown Primary Academy
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Name of LLE:	Matthew Jones
School Name:	Featherstone All Saints CofE Academy
Teaching School Alliance:	Aspire Teaching School Alliance
<p>I have been the Head teacher at Featherstone All Saints CofE Academy since 2016 and prior to this was the Deputy Head teacher and then Head teacher of Joseph Locke Primary School in Barnsley. During my career I have also worked in a number of different roles in both Wakefield and Barnsley, ranging from an Advance Skills Teacher for Creativity in Wakefield LA to Mathematics Consultant for Barnsley LA.</p> <p>In my first headship, I led Joseph Locke Primary School from a Requires Improvement to a Good judgement – a grade that the school had never previously achieved in its history. At the time, Joseph Locke was one of the first schools to be graded as Requires Improvement and as a consequence received the full complement of HMI visits and support. Although rigorous and demanding, this work allowed me to both develop rapidly as a leader and learn quickly from working closely alongside a Senior HMI.</p> <p>Since joining All Saints, the school converted to an academy under the Enhance Academy Trust and the aim is to build on the Good judgement that the school has.</p> <p>I have worked in, and with, numerous schools that have ranged in size, context and Ofsted category. This experience, coupled with my involvement in school to school support from an early stage in my career, gives me a useful skillset to enable me to offer support to others.</p>	

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Name of LLE:	Michael Walker
School Name:	Ackworth Howard CofE J&I School
Teaching School Alliance:	Aspire Teaching School Alliance
<p>I am the Headteacher of Ackworth Howard School, prior to this I was the Headteacher of a larger than average primary school in Doncaster working as part of a multi academy trust.</p> <p>I have been involved in school to school support since the early years of my career from being a lead teacher, an SLE and through my work as part of a MAT.</p> <p>During my time as Headteacher in my former school, I become a Trust Leader, a role which enabled me to work as a System Leader supporting schools both across the trust and more widely.</p> <p>I am passionate about system leadership and have an enabling approach to staff development.</p> <p>I have experience of supporting schools in a variety of contexts, which have included larger than average (700+) pupils, 90% ethnic minority, Inadequate schools and rural schools moving from Good to Outstanding.</p> <p>I am now enjoying the opportunity to work with colleagues across a variety of settings as an LLE.</p>	

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Name of SLE:	Sally Henshall
School Name:	Grove Lea Primary School
Teaching School Alliance:	Aspire Teaching School Alliance
<p>I have been working at Grove Lea Primary since September 2006. I was appointed as Deputy and then in April 2013 I was successfully appointed as Head Teacher. The school was inspected in September 2017 and was graded Outstanding in all areas. In my role as head teacher I particularly enjoy developing teachers. I am fortunate to lead a dedicated and enthusiastic team and have taken great pride when teachers have successfully been promoted further on in their career. I also enjoy working with fellow head teachers and more recently have acted as a mentor to newly qualified head teachers. I am currently delivering Middle Leaders training programme with Michael Walker. I have previously delivered a FED for local authority, again on middle leadership.</p>	

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Name of LLE:	Samantha Travis
School Name:	South Kirkby Academy
Teaching School Alliance:	Aspire Teaching School Alliance
<p>I am extremely proud to be a Local Leader of Education. As a teacher and leader, I feel passionate that no matter what starting point, all children deserve the chance to achieve great things through high aspirations and the best quality of education no matter what school they attend Having taught in both the primary and secondary phase in and around the Yorkshire area and in inner city London, I am inspired by strong educational values which is why at South Kirkby Academy and in my role as an LLE, I am relentless in the drive to unlock the potential within every single child and support them in their journey towards success.</p>	

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Name of LLE:	Sue Gardiner
School Name:	Half Acres Primary Academy
Teaching School Alliance:	Aspire Teaching School Alliance
<p>I have spent my whole teaching career at Half Acres, progressing from class teacher to Assistant Head, Deputy and then, in 2012, Head of School. Having received inspection judgements of 'Good' throughout my time at this school, I am currently working with the whole school community to achieve our aspiration of become outstanding. When I joined the school as an NQT (Newly Qualified Teacher), in 1992, it was a first school. Since then it has undergone many changes including becoming an infant and junior school, federating with Ackton Pastures, expanding to a two form entry school and, most recently, becoming an academy in the Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust. During my time as a class teacher I enjoyed teaching both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes and I still love spending time in the classroom or teaching groups. As a Head I have enjoyed working collaboratively with other leaders in the local area in order to develop a wide range of aspects of teaching and learning within different contexts.</p>	



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Name of LLE:	Susan Harrison
School Name:	Fitzwilliam
Teaching School Alliance:	Aspire Teaching School Alliance
<p>I have been Headteacher at Fitzwilliam Primary School since 2005. During this time, I have worked relentlessly to ensure that all children and parents who are part of the Fitzwilliam Primary community participate in an education which nurtures and challenges each of them to be the best they can possibly be. I believe passionately in school's ethos of 'working and growing together' and I am proactive in the inclusion of parents in their child's education. Consequently, I have participated in a number of successful projects which explore how to further engage parents within the curriculum. During my time as head teacher I have provided school to school support to a variety of schools and have enjoyed working collaboratively alongside other leaders to secure improvement. In addition to this I have pursued a Master's Degree in Education which enabled me to work with colleagues from across the education spectrum.</p> <p>I am extremely proud to be appointed as a Local Leader and look forward to the rewarding challenges the role brings.</p>	