



Katie Paynter

Katie qualified from Westminster College, Oxford with a Bachelor of Education, back in 1996. Her curriculum specialism is English, with the Early Years and Special Educational Needs as areas of particular interest and expertise. Primarily, Katie has taught in independent schools in the UK and overseas (with 5 years in a school on the remote island of Sakhalin, in far eastern Siberia!), although she completed a 4-year tenure working in the maintained sector, with the most underprivileged children of Bedfordshire. Katie relishes being in the classroom, and the majority of her teaching has been and continues to be in the Pre-prep years.

Post-graduation Katie completed a Diploma in Specific Learning Difficulties, the National SENCo award and an MA in Education.

In a senior leadership capacity, she has previously served as a Director of Studies. She is now well established at Lochinver House School, a large all boys preparatory school in Hertfordshire. This is her third position as Head of Pre-prep, having moved to the home counties from London. Katie is also a governor of an IAPS school, sharing her specialist interest of the EYFS.

Up until July 2023, and for almost a decade, in its various guises, Katie was an active member of the IAPS Pre-prep advisory group. Within her tenure Katie also served as IAPS' Pre-prep and EYFS adviser, offering advice and support to member schools.

Katie is perhaps best known for her understanding of the statutory requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, experience of exemption, and developing and successfully implementing assessment continuums from birth to 7.

