

# Head of Nurture Support

## Anne-Marie Leatherland- Head of Nurture Support

I have been teaching for 14 years, 4 of these have been at Keyham Lodge School. I trained as a Primary teacher and have taught across all year groups in KS1 and KS2 but primarily in Year 6 supporting students through their KS2 SATs and subsequent transition to Secondary school. I joined Keyham Lodge working as a teacher in the Primary Department. I became Head of Primary after a year and in October 2018 was asked to start a Nurture group to support the more vulnerable students within our school. Although we created this around the 6 principles of Nurture, we are an ever changing and adaptive Department in order for us to meet the specific needs of the students we work with. Prior to doing my PGCE, I worked as a Family Support Worker for the Disabled Children's Inclusion Service which I loved but it was through working with these families and listening to the difficulties they faced with their children in the Education setting that steered me into doing my Teaching Qualification. Having always worked with the 'difficult' students in mainstream settings, I feel that I have finally found my place at Keyham and very much enjoy both the job that I do as well as the students I have the pleasure of teaching.