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School

Specialist Leader in Education Profile

Elaine Cowin

School: St. Alban's Primary School, Camden

Role: Assistant Head and SENDCO

Area of Expertise: Leadership of SEND Provision (Primary) Downs Syndrome

Profile

Elaine leads in a school which is a widely respected and acknowledged for outstanding leadership of SEND, across Camden local authority and beyond. She is active within a range of national networks for SEND, and contributing expertise and ideas across our school system.

As an outstanding and exemplary SENDCO, Elaine has considerable insight into approaches for teaching phonics, writing and numeracy, to learners with special educational needs and disabilities, within a mainstream setting. She has experience of delivering training on a range of themes, and of supporting new and early career teachers to accommodate learning differences in the classroom. She has also devised innovative systems for tracking and monitoring the progress of learners with SEND, and working with parents and professionals around early assessment, identification and intervention.

In particular, Elaine has a strong professional interest in the achievement and progress of learners with Down Syndrome. She has and has insights into related specific evidence-based teaching and learning approaches. She has also led networking events, to build a professional learning community for serving pupils with Down Syndrome.

Examples of Support Offered

- Training around accommodating learning differences in the primary classroom.
- Mentoring-Coaching of new SENDCOs
- Outreach in relation to individual learners to support the development of personalised provision, and to support pupils with Downs Syndrome in particular.