

Specialist Leader of Education Personal Profile

Monika Gaweda

School: Swiss Cottage School Development & Research Centre
Role: Leader of SLD provision
Ed phase: Special
Area of expertise: Leadership of SLD pedagogy, curriculum, assessments and teaching and learning

Profile:

Monika is on the Extended Leadership team at an all age (2-19) Special Needs School, which takes learners from the full range of SEN (MLD, SLD and PMLD). In her role Monika leads on the provision for learners with severe learning difficulties across the school, including curriculum development, assessments and teaching and learning.

The majority of Monika's school experience has been as a class teacher of groups of learners at primary and secondary levels with severe learning difficulties and complex needs. She therefore has the skills and the knowledge in promoting and embedding personalised and individualised provision to all learners with SEN.

In addition, throughout her career at Swiss Cottage School Development & Research Centre, Monika mentored trainee teachers and supported them in gaining Qualified Teachers Status as part of Graduates Teachers Programme and Schools Direct. She also worked with Newly Qualified Teachers throughout their induction period and supported their professional development at school.

Before working at Swiss Cottage School, Monika qualified abroad with a Master's Degree in Special Educational Needs Pedagogy in 2005. She always had a strong professional interest in innovative teaching and learning approaches, and strategies in ensuring that all learners reach their full potential.

Areas of expertise:

- SEND pedagogy
- Promoting personalised and individualised learning for learners with complex needs
- Supporting class based professionals in developing teaching and learning strategies to support learners with complex special educational needs
- Curriculum development
- Positive behaviour support
- Strategic planning and assessing
- Mentoring and coaching
- Collaborative teaching and learning
- Promoting stimulating learning environment
- Play based learning