

## Specialist Leader Of Education Profile



Helen Davies

### **Background Experience**

I have seventeen years of teaching experience specialising in special educational needs. I have completed the National SENCO award, which has given me an excellent understanding of how to provide outstanding learning experiences for young people with additional needs within a mainstream setting. A recent Ofsted inspection, May 2017, rated my school as outstanding and SEND was highlighted as an area of strength, 'Provision for pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities is excellent.'

I have considerable experience of working in partnership with many outside agencies ranging from speech and language therapists, sensory support services, Educational Psychologists, mental health providers and the communication and autism team. The work with these services has not only provided invaluable resources to support young people and staff within school, but has also had a measurable impact on pupil progress.

I have completed a practising certificate for the identification of specific learning difficulties, which enables me to assess young people for dyslexia and additionally for access arrangements. I am registered with SpLD Assessment Standards Committee.

I regularly lead staff training which enhances the skills and expertise of teachers and supports pupil progress.

## Areas of Expertise

All areas of SEND provision: the assessment of learner's needs followed by the implementation and monitoring of interventions. This work is always followed by an assessment to track the impact on pupil progress.

The use of assessments to identify learners with dyslexia or learners who may benefit from additional support.

The assessment of young people for access arrangements following JCQ guidelines.

Support for young people with autism which has a measurable impact.

Transition between key stages.

Staff training in all areas of SEND provision.

Home School: St Paul's School for Girls

