

CURRICULUM VITAE

Keith Adams

BACKGROUND AND VISION

During my career I have been fortunate to gain considerable depth, width and breadth of experience in eight schools. I have taught the full Primary range from reception to year 6. I have been a deputy headteacher in two schools and a headteacher in three as well as an associate headteacher of a further two schools. I have worked as a Primary School Adviser with the responsibility of working with over 30 schools in challenging or very challenging circumstances. I am now a consultant with Focus Education. This work has enabled me to support and challenge schools across England as well as abroad. I also write and deliver bespoke training and have co-written a number of publications designed to support the work of schools.

These are extremely challenging times for teachers and school leaders but the fundamentals as to what constitutes a good school do not change. Schools must continue to be in pursuit of excellence and raise standards of attainment. To accommodate this we must ensure the quality of teaching is consistently high and a climate of high expectation must be evident. Everyone involved in a school must continually challenge the acceptance of mediocrity. Children must be given the opportunity to broaden and deepen their knowledge and understanding within a curriculum that enables them to develop a love for learning as well as a thirst for success and excellence.

PERSONAL DETAILS

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HIGHER EDUCATION AND RECENT QUALIFICATIONS

QTS Status

BE ed (Hons) Education and Management

OFSTED inspector with SERCO

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

From	To	Organisation	Title
2007	Present	Focus Education	Educational Consultant

RESPONSIBILITIES: To provide education consultancy for schools that secures their success and improvement.

2004	2007	Sheffield L.A.	Educational Consultant
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1999	2004	Manor Lodge P.S.	H.T.
1997	1999	Hemsworth P.S.	H.T.
1992	1997	Pipworth J. S.	H.T.
1990	1992	Phillimore P.S.	D.H.T.
1985	1990	Norfolk M.S.	D.H.T.
1981	1985	Southey Green M.S.	Teacher/P.E. and Year Leader
1976	1981	Longley P.S.	Teacher/P.E. leader
1974	1976	St Peter's S.S.	Teacher

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Extensive experience of leadership, in seven different primary schools, and particular expertise in the accurate and swift identification of areas for improvement. .
- Rigorous and exacting approach to improving outcomes for all learners, particularly those from challenging and very challenging backgrounds.
- Leadership characterised by high expectations, clarity of purpose and highly effective communication skills. I am proud to have been headteacher of a school judged by the DFE to be one of the top 200 most improved schools.
- Supporting schools to implement a curriculum that engages pupils challenges their thinking and accelerates progress.
- Working alongside leaders over sustained periods to raise standards and increase progress by improving the quality of teaching and learning.
- Supporting leaders when implementing national change.
- Strategic lead for improving leadership across a Local Authority,
- A track record of school improvement as headteacher, adviser and consultant.

REFERENCES

Upon request