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## **PEN PORTRAIT**

### **Specialist Leader of Education**

<b>Name of SLE</b>	Cat Lowe
<b>School Name</b>	St Joseph and St Bede RC Primary
<b>SLE Specialism(s)</b>	ITT Mentor NQT Mentor CPD Curriculum English Phonics
<b>Teaching School Alliance</b>	Sacred Heart TSA

### **Area(s) of Expertise**

Cat has been teaching for thirteen years and has managed student teachers as a Professional Mentor for the last four years. She has also successfully mentored NQTs. She leads phonics and English for EYFS and Key Stage One as well as developing teaching and learning across the three primary phases through termly 'Impact Weeks' designed to raise the profile of writing through Gospel Values. Cat's leadership experience has included delivering relevant and up-to-date CPD for student teachers and staff through learning walks and training sessions. Sessions she has led include planning, questioning, phonics, dyslexia friendly principles, and innovating with the iPad. She has also led on teaching and learning, successfully embedding the seven part lesson to maximise progress and performance within the whole school. The successes in these areas have ensured that our student teachers always leave with at least a 'good' grading, the majority securing an outstanding rating and securing NQT positions. Teaching and learning is more consistent and meaningful within each Key Stage as a result of the seven part lesson and standards are improving with each 'Impact Week'. Phonics scores and English standards across EYFS and Key Stage One are improving. Cat has experience of successfully mentoring and coaching staff within her own school and others.

### **Current Leadership Responsibilities**

- English and phonics lead EYFS and KS1
- Curriculum – Impact Week
- ITT Students/NQT
- CPD Planning and Delivery