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Specialist Leader of Education

Name of SLE	Sarah Finnerty
School Name	St. Patrick's RC Primary School
SLE Specialism(s)	Science
Teaching School Alliance	Sacred Heart TSA

Area(s) of Expertise

Sarah's areas of expertise are based around the planning, monitoring and delivery of the Primary Science curriculum. She has significant experience in both Primary and Secondary Science, as she was previously in a Secondary Science position for 7 years prior to moving to a Primary setting. Due to this fact she has particular strengths in preparing children in Upper Key Stage two for the transition into High School and its expectations and demands.

She has a particular passion for STEM and enjoys whole school project work and creative 'real life' science that is appropriate to the child and its environment.

Current Leadership Responsibilities

Sarah is the Science Lead in her own school and across the Multi-Academy Trust her school belongs to. This role has seen her develop the science curriculum within her own school and its partner school, this involves; raising the status of science within the school: amongst staff and the local community; delivering multi-school CPD sessions; fortnightly planning and observations; achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark; maintaining and ordering equipment; ensuring pupils actively engage in science outside of the classroom; planning a structured, yet creative, pupil-led path through the curriculum; implementing and acting upon pupil and staff voice; working collaboratively in the SEERIH Rochdale Network meetings; running annual internal moderations; monitoring the impact of teaching on pupil data; and completing book scrutinies/ pupil interviews.