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## **PEN PORTRAIT**

### **Specialist Leader of Education**

**Name of SLE:** Gemma Carr  
**School Name:** St William of York Catholic Primary School  
**SLE Specialism(s)** EYFS  
**Teaching School Alliance:** Heart TSA

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

- High Quality Early Years Provision
- Outdoor learning
- Nursery teaching
- Raising attainment
- Assessment
- SEND
- Communication and Language (Speech and Language for under 5s)
- Early reading and phonics
- Networking with other settings/school to school support

### **Current Leadership Responsibilities**

I am currently responsible for leading the EYFS team at St William of York. This includes staff training, appraisals and mentoring NQTs and students. I have experience teaching in both Reception and Nursery. I am passionate about early childhood development and have led the team as Communication Champion and Early Years SENDCo to make sure that the children in my care have the best possible start in life. Effective strategies in parental engagement have led to my whole school role as Parent Partnership lead. I am a member of the senior leadership team and also act as a designated safeguarding lead. I have worked closely with the local authority to raise standards in our Early Years provision and this has resulted in raised attainment and accelerated progress for all learners. I now host networking sessions for other professionals to share good practice in the Early Years sector.