



Claire Cooper Co-Oped Governor

I am Claire Cooper and have been a primary school teacher for 27 years at St Mark's CE Primary school in Worsley. Over my years there I have taught children from Nursery to Year 6 and have been the SENDCO at my primary school for the last 24 years. Through my role as SENDCO, I spend lots of time working with children with a range of SEND alongside speech therapists, physiotherapists and specialists from Salford's Learning Support Service. I have also attended lots of training around autism, sensory processing, ADHD and attachment disorder. As part of my training on supporting children who have experienced trauma, I became a Level 1 play therapist as well and I use this training in school to support our more vulnerable children.

As well as supporting the children with SEND, I try to offer as much support as possible to their families as well, whether that be holding SEN coffee mornings or arranging workshops for parents to attend in school.

I am the Deputy Safeguarding Lead for school, so have experience of supporting staff with safeguarding issues, and I am Designated Teacher for Looked After Children in school.

I am passionate about helping children with SEND, and their families, have the best experience possible of education and that they can achieve their potential.

I am delighted to be a governor at Chatsworth Futures and I hope I can use my experience of SEND to help support the staff, parents and learners.