

"...she has transformed the needs of some of our most vulnerable children and enabled them to feel secure, settled and happy at school. She has worked tirelessly with some of our most challenging pupils, who in turn have loved being with her, respecting her directness and ability to understand things from their perspective. Her ability to work things out through drama been invaluable, and she has contributed significantly to making the playground a safer, more responsible and cooperative place for all our children. She has been a constant support for some of our parents, who have found they could discuss real concerns with confidence and reassurance.

She has brought her wealth of experience of working with youngsters in various care settings, and applied it to help pupils in our school. She in turn has developed her skills and enjoyed the response form the children".

Anne Travis – Head teacher

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"Mrs. Webb, you have been truly an inspiration to us all. Our hearts are filled with great sadness as we bid you goodbye. Over the years there have always been children who have suffered at the hands of bullies, and there was never anyone who a child could turn to to trust their grief and pain with until people like you joined the school.

With grateful thanks from each of us that have been involved in either a lesson with you or with MATES. Each of us has achieved something from your special strength. You have helped me believe in my dreams and to believe anything is achievable. In our MATES plays you have taken the serious problem of bullying and prejudices and turned them around. You make us feel safe and secure in school, and we feel we are becoming better people because we listen to what you write and teach us".

Amy D year 5

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"On behalf of the Governing body, I am very sorry that you are leaving us today but would like to thank you most sincerely for making such a massive and positive impact on our school since you joined us as Learning Mentor.

While I know you have made a significant difference over the last five years to some of our particularly challenging children and their families, it is the school culture of confidence and high self esteem, which is somehow tangible, and which will be a lasting legacy of your hard work. I never fail to delight in chatting to our children and feeling their enthusiasm and commitment to doing their best, helping each other and enjoying their time in school.

I suppose it would have been too much to hope we could keep you to ourselves and it is only fair that now we let other young people have the benefit of your expertise on anti-bullying and confidence building! May I wish you every success in the future with your continuing and on-going work enabling others, your writing and the development of your experiences at Shirehampton Primary School."

J.H. Chair of Governors

"We would all like to say a very big thank you for the way you supported E and J especially when she was being bullied. We wish you well in the future. Keep in touch."

C.L. – Parent

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"I would like to thank you for all the hard work you put into bringing S out of himself. Your effort and dedication is really appreciated and you will be greatly missed"

S.S. - Parent

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"Sorry you're leaving. Thank you SO much for MATES. You made school fun. We'll miss you."

S.G. - Pupil