



St. Michael's C.E. (Controlled) Junior School

Inspired by Him, we serve the community of St Michael's by creating an inclusive learning culture where all differences are respected, where courage is shown to face and overcome adversity, and resilience is embedded in our journey to success so we can be the very best we can be.

Miss Katie Bourne



I am so excited to be able to come and teach at St Michael's. I thought that it would be good for you to find out a little bit more about me before we (hopefully) get to meet in person.

I grew up in New Malden in Surrey with my parents, older brother, younger twin sisters and my cocker spaniel, Poppy. I started my career in education as a teaching assistant in a primary school in Surrey and then started my MEd Primary Education degree at the University of Winchester. Over the four years of my degree I was really lucky to work in 3 fantastic schools in Hampshire and developed a real love for the county as a whole. As well as these 3 school experiences I was lucky enough to have a 6-week placement at Marwell Zoo - where I worked with the education team to provide workshops for the children coming in on school trips. I also was lucky enough to come up close and personal with some of the animals at the zoo and find out so many interesting facts about them all.

Within class, I always want the children I work with to reach their full potential through collaborating with their peers, as a class, as well as taking some time to work independently both inside the classroom and out. As a teacher I have been described by my most recent class as fun, kind, a bit crazy and fair. I think these words pretty much sum me up as a teacher; I love to have fun with my class and never mind making a fool out of myself but I also have high expectations of the children and ensure that the learning environment we create as a class allows for productivity. Personally, I believe it is important that the children's classroom is a place where they feel safe and they can be who they want to be. I make it a mission of mine to ensure that I provide a space where children feel like they can come and talk to me when they are feeling down or worried about something as well as celebrating all of their successes both in and out of school. I am always up for doing something different, taking a risk and having a laugh and love to see children express their creative flare! My favourite lessons to teach are Maths, Geography and Music. As a music specialist it is very likely that you are going to hear lots of music playing in my classroom or me and the children having a little sing song! I am very much looking forward to partaking in some of the extra-curricular music activities that you have within school.

Outside of school, since the age of 7, I have been a performer. My main passion is dance and I have taken examinations and performed in Ballet, Tap, Modern, Musical Theatre, Street, Lyrical and Contemporary. Due to this passion of mine, I have been lucky enough to see many productions in the West End and have even auditioned for some shows. I also love reading, both on my own and to a class of children, and sometimes even write my own short stories which I love to share and develop. As well as this, I love baking and cooking and am a **very** experimental chef. Moving to Hampshire to go to University has helped me to develop a love for the outdoors. I always try to make sure that I spend at least 30 minutes outside every day as I like having the time to reflect and embrace the beauty of the world around us. I also love to travel and



have been lucky enough to go on holiday to some fantastic places. My favourite holiday destination has to be Greece, as it always reminds me and makes me feel like I am in Mamma Mia!