

My name is Leigh Handley, I am the Headteacher of Roundwood and a governor. I have worked in Education for 15 years, and it is my absolute dedication to make a difference to the lives of children and equip them with the skills they need for lifelong learning.

I am passionate about learning myself. My favourite subject is English and reading. My most loved childhood book was *The Folk of Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton as I can still remember my Mum reading it to me. I even wrote my dissertation on Enid Blyton which shows how the escapism of reading, can ignite something within you and definitely go on to leave lasting memories. This year I achieved a Masters in Educational Leadership; I loved returning to study and I'm already looking at what I can study and achieve next. I hope that I am a role model, to all my pupils, in how learning continues long beyond leaving school.

I have 4 sons who definitely keep me on my toes, tell me what's cool and what's not and most importantly fill my life with laughter and happiness.

Some of my hobbies, include writing children's books – I have written a series dedicated to my youngest son and his blue dummy that he loved, I love the outdoors and using natural materials to make things – I have recently enjoyed leaf threading, and I am an avid baker. In fact, I bake every weekend. I like to use retro ingredients such as caramac and gold bars and things that my boys like eating such as jammy dodgers, party rings and mint aero.

Being on the governing board, not only allows for me to showcase our school but it enables me to work with other professionals to strategically lead the school forward.