

Stanah Primary School
Teaching Staff
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Hi, my name is Mr Clough. I am the Headteacher at Stanah.

I have been here nearly 10 years and really enjoy my time with the children in school, I really love getting into classes to see them. In this time our school has seen some exciting changes and hopefully we will see more that the children will benefit from. Our children make me immensely proud with what they take on as challenges and the successes they have.

I have been a teacher for 28 years. I started my time in a small Church school, leading Science and ICT, I then moved to a big Blackpool school where I was Deputy Head for 3 years and lead ICT in the school.

Outside school I like to spend time cooking and I enjoy seeing the World. Two of my favourite destinations are Florida and Hong Kong. I also enjoy spending quality time with my wife and daughter and my dog, Dexter.



Hi Everyone! I'm Mrs Twist – Deputy Head here at Stanah. I have absolutely loved the past two and a half years getting to know the children, families and community and cannot wait to see what the future holds for us all. The children at Stanah have so much potential and we are constantly looking for new and exciting ways to unlock it! Before working at Stanah, I was the Assistant Head teacher at a Blackpool school, where I was responsible for developing teaching and learning, the curriculum and SEN. I have been

subject leaders for both English and Maths and was a Leading Maths teacher within the local authority.

Alongside this, my passion has always lay with sports. I am keen to support the development of sport with children as it provides them with so many important life skills which they can take in to adulthood. I love playing sport myself; over the years I have played hockey, netball and cricket. I love the outdoors and outdoor adventure activities so I'm hoping that Mr Clough will let me go to Borwick Hall this year! At home, I have lots of busy and fun days with my two daughters, Mr Twist and our crazy golden retriever, Ted.

EYFS Staff



My name is Mrs Middleton and I am the Assistant Headteacher at Stanah. I teach in Reception and I have taught for 9 years, 2 of these at Stanah. I have a little boy called Harry and enjoy reading stories to him, particularly stories written by Julia Donaldson. I really enjoy going to the theatre, my favourite shows are The Lion King and Wicked. Growing up, I loved listening to the Spice Girls and recently went to their reunion tour! I love Disney and I would go to Disneyland every year for my holiday.



Hello. I'm Miss Harrison. Having taught at Stanah for 4 years, I am very excited to be moving to EYFS in September. I love being outside (even in the rain). I lead PE across the whole school which includes organising sport clubs, competitions and Sports Day. Outside of school I run a successful netball club and play in a local league. This keeps me busy throughout the week and weekend.

Key Stage 1 Staff

Year 1



Hello. I'm Mrs Shuttleworth. I have been a teacher for 25 years. During this time, I have taught across the primary age range, focussing mainly on Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2. I enjoy running after school clubs for both infant and junior children and have been involved in running a variety of clubs during my career. I am currently involved in promoting mental health initiatives at school.



Hello. My name is Miss Shillito. I have been teaching for 14 years, starting my career in Salford, before moving to Stanah Primary. The year groups I have taught in range from Years 1 to 5 and I am currently enjoying my 4th year in Year 1. I have also spent a year teaching English as a foreign language in Hamburg, as well as a month in Stuttgart. Modern Foreign Languages are my specialism so Spanish is the subject that I lead in school. As many of you are probably aware, I am also responsible for our School Council! Outside of school I am a keen 'Adult Ice Skater!'

Year 2



Hi. My name is Mrs Slater. I have been a KS1 teacher for 9 years. I always knew I wanted to be a teacher from a young age and I couldn't imagine doing anything else. I trained at the University of Cumbria and started my career at St Nicholas COE Primary School as a Reception teacher. I then began teaching Year 1 children and finally Year 2. I have taught in Year 2 for the last 4 years and I joined Stanah in September 2018 as a Year 2 teacher. I have had such a lovely first year at Stanah and I have loved every minute! I love being part of the Stanah family and I genuinely love coming to work every day! In September I will be the new Head of Department for KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) I am a Mummy to two beautiful children and when I am not working, I love nothing more than family days out, going on holiday, visiting the Lake District and relaxing at home with my family.



Hello. My name is Miss Lindsay. I started working at Stanah in September 2018 and had a brilliant first year teaching in Year 3. Next year I will be leading on some really exciting and creative arts projects with the children and will hopefully maintain my love of sport by supporting many different activities as I have done this year. Also, watch this space for exciting Gala 2020 news...your school needs you! Before coming to Stanah, I trained at Hambleton Academy and Breck Primary School but before that, worked at BAE Systems pricing up fighter jets! When I'm not at school, I am out and about with my 6 year old daughter and our favourite places to be are either on the beach or exploring the Lake District. We also look after my Mum's dog, Harry, quite a lot during the holidays and he's a lot of fun!

Key Stage 2 Staff

Year 3



Hi, my name is Mrs Hodson. I have been a Primary School Teacher for 22 years. In that time, I have taught all year groups across the Primary age range. I joined Stanah Primary School in September 2013. During my time at Stanah I have taught in most year groups, more recently in Year 3. I am currently the Curriculum leader for Religious Education and I also manage the Children's University on behalf of the school. I have a strong interest in Mental Health and Well-Being and enjoy delivering after school clubs which promote this for

children.



Hi, I'm Mrs Roberts. I have been at Stanah Primary School for seven years and have worked in Key Stage 2 throughout this time. Previous to this, most of my teaching career has been with children who have additional needs. I have been the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) at Stanah for five years - in this role I oversee the day-to-day operation of the school's SEN policy and support the identification of children with special educational needs. Outside of school, my life is kept busy with my family and my three energetic dogs. I spend a lot of my spare time either working in my garden or teaching myself how to play the banjo.

Year 4



Hi, my name is Miss Newton and I am so excited to start working at Stanah Primary School this September! I have experience teaching many age groups in Blackpool schools, particularly KS2, and have a passion for the creative arts. I enjoy putting on performances and making new links with the local community.

My house is a little like a zoo at the moment as I have two dogs, two cats and three crazy kittens running about causing mischief! I enjoy going on adventures in the countryside, reading books and eating cake. I have a little girl called Georgia who is five months old - she is very smiley and loves music. She loves going swimming and laughing at the dogs when they jump in water on our walks. If you see me around, please stop and say hello; I am really looking forward to becoming part of the Stanah family.



My name is Mrs Price and I am an experienced teacher, who has been working at Stanah School for 20 years. I enjoy working with children as I feel that I make a difference every day. At Stanah, I am the Geography subject lead and I love the enthusiasm that children have for learning about the world around them. I am a mum of three children myself and I enjoy spending time with my family and keeping fit and active.



My name is Miss Whalley and I have been teaching for 7 years now and have enjoyed working across all year groups. Seeing children succeed and learn through new experiences is why I love to teach. I enjoy new challenges and doing anything creative in school. One of my favourite subjects to teach is Art. Outside of school, I spend lots of time with my family and my baby boy; I often attend different fitness classes. Skiing is definitely my new-found, favourite sport and makes a brilliant active holiday. I am looking forward to meeting everyone in September and being part of the Stanah family.

Year 5



My name is Miss Birch and I am incredibly excited to be joining your Stanah family in September. I studied English Literature and Creative Writing at Lancaster University and obtained my QTS teaching qualification with The Fylde Coast Teaching Alliance. During my teaching career, I have been lucky to teach across both Key Stages and have worked in two local schools. I love being a part of the school community, getting to know the children and their families and watching them grow as the year progresses. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family and having days out in the sun – when the weather lets me!

I like to keep healthy and active during the week and enjoy tennis, bouldering, dancing and swimming. I absolutely love reading and try to read as much as I possibly can. I look forward to meeting everyone in September and starting my journey with you all.



Hi, my name is Miss Barrow. It gives me great pleasure in introducing myself as a new class teacher at Stanah Primary School. I am very excited to get to know the children, staff, parents and governors of the school in the near future. I currently work at a school in Bolton, where I have been for the past 4 years and taught across both Key Stages.

I am very passionate about sport and have been since an early age. I have played many sports over the years however due to the amount of time I have to train, I only now play hockey. I am currently a member of Lytham St Anne's Hockey Club and we travel all over the North of England on the weekends playing different teams, it's very fun! As well as this, I love spending time with my family and friends and especially my new puppy, Eric.

Year 6



Hello, I'm Mr Dreyer. I have had the pleasure of working at Stanah for the past twenty years, teaching in Years two, four, five and six. I enjoy teaching all subjects, but have a special interest in the teaching of English and Mathematics. I have been a Leading Literacy Teacher for Lancashire and am currently enjoying the role of leading the teaching and learning of Mathematics across the school. In September, I will be the new Head of Department for Upper KS2.

Away from school life, I enjoy playing football, squash and judo, and - most of all - spending time with my family. I look forward to meeting you all next year.



Hello, I'm Mrs Thompson! I have been teaching for 14 years; my career has always been based within the Blackpool area before moving to Stanah School. My main experience in teaching is delivering the upper Key Stage 2 curriculum to Years 5 & 6 however I have gained teaching experience throughout all phases whilst working as a PPA cover teacher. Working at Stanah school for the past 3 years has enabled me to lead in a variety of areas, including: Libraries, Outdoor Areas and Eco Schools Awards. This has allowed me to

create an environment that enriches children's minds and provides a variety of educational settings. In my spare time, I enjoy outdoor life with my family and friends and love to spend time in the garden.



Hi everyone! I'm Miss Smith and I have been teaching for four years, all of which have been at Stanah! I have taught in a number of different year groups across Key Stage 2. I currently lead PSHE across the school and my role as Staff Governor is fulfilling. I am passionate about sport; for this reason, I enjoy leading the athletics and rounders after school clubs and I am always heavily involved in both Key Stage Sports Days. I am a keen football fan and love reading a wide range of books: my favourite series as a child was The Stormbreaker Series by Anthony Horowitz and my favourite author was Jacqueline Wilson.