

Linda Moss

Since qualifying as a teacher in 1979, my passion for the education of children has not waned!

My roles within schools during that time have been varied, moving from teaching mainstream English in a large comprehensive school, becoming a Head of year, a SENCo, an Assistant Head, the Head of a Special School, Principal of a special residential boarding school and, after my 'retirement' becoming an education consultant to work with Special Schools which are 'struggling' either prior to or following an Ofsted Inspection.

I am an advocate for the most vulnerable pupils and their families whose life choices are often limited due to poor educational outcomes.

I have most recently become involved with Trauma Informed Schools UK, which considers how we work with children who have or are still living with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and how these impact on their ability to learn and make progress.

I firmly believe that teaching and learning must be at the very heart of every school; that this can only be achieved with a well-qualified, trained and supported staff team.

I also believe that 'good enough' is <u>not</u> good enough for our children; our children only get one chance at childhood education and that <u>must</u> be the best chance for All!

I am excited by the prospect of working with the Huish Episcopi Academy. All five of my children attended the school, (they are now in their thirties). I briefly taught at the school under the headship of John Saunders, I am a frequent user of the Huish Leisure centre and regularly marshal the triathlon and so it feels like a natural progression to be able to give something back to the community by volunteering my time to take up the role of a Director.