

## **Mrs Dawn Shaw - Executive Headteacher**

I am currently the Head teacher of Jackfield Infant School and Acting Executive Headteacher of both Alexandra Infants' School and Alexandra Junior School. My career history spans more than 30 years, initially as a class teacher in an Infant in Cheshire. I then returned to teach in my home city of Stoke -on - Trent, again in an Infant school and had many opportunities to have different responsibilities over 17 years' service at this school. These included; Key Stage Leader for both Foundation Stage and Key Stage One and a leader over time, of most curriculum subjects. In addition to this, I had significant experience as a lead professional for Safeguarding, CPD, aspects of the Budget and Performance Management amongst many other things. Whilst being a member of the Senior Leadership Team, the school was judged as "Outstanding" by Ofsted on two occasions. As a consequence of this success, and being judged as one of the most successful schools nationally, the school was invited by the DFE to become a national "Beacon school" and I was selected as the co-ordinator of this. Furthermore, I was the Home, School and Community Link Worker and in 2000 was judged to be the West Midlands regional winner at the National Teaching Awards. This led to me having the privilege of me becoming a judge for the National Teaching Awards, visiting schools all around the country. I have also been the Primary lead for the City Graduate Teaching programme, working closely with both Derby and Manchester Metropolitan Universities. I also worked closely with Keele University as a young teacher again involved in Initial Teacher Training. In 2004 I took up the post as Headteacher of an Infant school in the north of the City which is currently judged as "A Good School with Outstanding Behaviour and Safety". I am now very much enjoying working at both Alexandra Infant and Junior School and Jackfield Infant School. I am keen to face the responsibilities and challenges that lie ahead with the knowledge that I am working in a strong, vibrant and supportive community alongside a team of like- minded colleagues , all focused on raising attainment and securing good progress for every one of our children.