



OASIS Monmouthshire

Outreach, Autism Support & Inclusion Service



Education Support Team

Rachael Roach-Rooke - Education Support Team Lead Teacher

- Psychology Graduate/PGCE (University of Wales Institute, Cardiff)
- Class Teacher/ALN Teacher/SLT at Ninian Park Primary school, Cardiff for 10 years. I loved working in a large, multicultural school in Grangetown Cardiff. I am grateful for this start in my career as an Educational professional. There were 25 different languages spoken at the school and a high percentage of pupils with ALN. In this role, I loved being able to help our pupils overcome barriers to learning to enable them to achieve their full potential. I worked across the Primary phase (Nursery-Year 6)
- Class Teacher/ SLT (Foundation Phase leader/Expressive Arts Lead) at Glan Usk Primary school, Newport. Glan Usk was a pioneer, sector leading school in the development of Curriculum for Wales.
- Nursery lead teacher at Abertillery Learning Community (2 years).
- I have worked in every year group across the primary phase of education and supported pupils at secondary school as an Assistant Educational Psychologist.
- Assistant Educational Psychologist/LA officer (Caerphilly Local Authority) Within this role, I co-produced Caerphilly's reintegration toolkit used by all schools on best practice approaches for supporting pupils presenting with EBSA. I also provided EBSA training to all Caerphilly schools and directly supported pupils experiencing EBSA. In this role, I enjoyed collaborating on a research paper with colleagues.
- Elective Home Education Officer /ALNCo/LA Officer for Caerphilly LA (1 year post)
- Adoptive parent
- ALN Parent
- Trauma informed Mental Health Practitioner diploma (2023)
- Positive Behaviour support training (2024)
- Part of the project team for Monmouthshire, Autism in Schools and settings
- Proud to be the Lead Teacher of MCC's Education Support team since 2022. I genuinely love where I live and work.

I love my job because

- I believe that, with the support of school staff, we make a huge difference to the wellbeing and educational outcomes of the pupils that we support.
- Every day is different, we are both proactive and reactive in our support for schools
- I care about making a difference for our vulnerable learners.
- We are part of an educational journey for every child that we support
- I am able to work with inspirational, dedicated, caring staff at MCC schools and within the LA.

I am passionate about

- Helping our learners to feel safe to learn, grow and succeed.
- Embracing diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Improving the wellbeing levels and educational outcomes for pupils who experience barriers to learning.
- Ensuring pupils with ALN achieve their full potential
- Our learners accessing education within the community that they live where possible.

I am at my happiest when

I see our children and young people thriving.

I am with my lovely family and friends exploring mountains and beaches and going on new adventures. I love travelling especially on cruise ships.

I am learning new skills. I like to continually learn and improve my skillset.

I am eating good food.

I am singing, dancing, playing my saxophone or engaging in anything musical theatre related.

People often describe me as

Knowledgeable and passionate about inclusion for all.

My family say that I have a big heart, I am kind but can be a bit bossy sometimes!!

Open, honest and reliable.

Some people describe me as funny. I think that I have a good sense of humour.

I always try to be

Kind and a good role model. I like to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and provided with equal opportunities.

The best that I can be.