

## TEACHER PASSPORT



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**Dahl class**  
**Class Teacher**

**What hobbies do you enjoy?**

I love going to dinner parties because my favourite things are spending time with friends and family....and eating!

**Do you have any pets? If not what pet would you like?**

I have a black cat called 'Moo' (like a cow). She has a limp so she looks like a cat with attitude.

**What three words would describe you?**

Caring  
Fun  
Organised

**What do you like best about being a Teacher at Harpenden Academy?**

The children say something funny every day and make me smile. I'm proud to work with such polite and caring little people. I absolutely love my colleagues and they get me through the tougher days of teaching.

**What were your favourite subjects at school?**

Art, particularly clay work and drawing - I still love it now. Drama was my real passion, I used to be shy (would you believe?) until I met an inspirational drama teacher who changed my whole outlook on life.

**What are your favourite subjects to teach?**

I really enjoy teaching art for this is a passion of mine and because I am a creative person. I love teaching English too. I love to see the transformation that children make from the beginning of the school year to the end in their creative writing styles.

**What is your favourite book and why?**

I love a thriller! Anything that keeps me wanting to know more - a book that you end up reading in one sitting because you just can't put it down.

**What is your favourite place in the world and why?**

It would have to be Sorrento in Italy as this is where I got engaged so it has a special place in my heart.

**What did you want to be when you were younger?**

A T.V presenter

**What made you want to become a Teacher?**

I always liked the idea of working with children and when I left my job in sales I decided to take the plunge and do some volunteering in school. I decided then that this was the career for me and went into training and never looked back.

**What is your favourite food?**

Shepherd's Pie! I love a hearty meal and I use my Mum's recipe with 'secret ingredients' to make it all the more delicious.

**What is your least favourite food?**

I'm ashamed to say....fruit.  
I can't bare the look, feel, taste and smell of it. I won't even eat fruit flavoured sweets!

**Who is in your family? Do you have any brothers or sisters?**

My Mum and Dad live in Kent but I try and see them as much as possible. I have two older sisters; one who lives locally and another in Kent too.

My husband and I have a pet cat and we look after my niece and nephew a lot. I'm a real family girl!

**If you were on a desert island what two things would you take with you?**

This is tricky...it depends if I'm being sensible (in which case it would be water and flares) but if it was a luxury desert island (where I'm in my version of paradise) it would be a trunk load of books and a lilo!