

Jos___ Personal Statement

What led me to take up teaching? It was the caring side of the profession that locked me in to it. After 19 years I still feel the same concern and empathy for children. And that must be why I am still at my best in the classroom. There was a time when I considered a career in education psychology. Then, I wondered how I might; at my best contribute to the teaching and development of children who are hard to reach. And now from my experience so far, I feel I will get there.

First Degree

As I prepared for a role as an education psychologist, or something along the same line; I studied sociology and psychology. I graduated and armed with a BSc degree. I taught juniors at a school in Leicester. There I assumed responsibility for PE. For me, this also became a period of learning. One too of feeling my way in to the profession.

Spearheading Investigation Skills

The school in Leicester as it were, primed me for work at a school in Hertfordshire that I moved to. There I took on more responsibility, but again taught juniors. For instance I reorganised sports day. I used the Olympics as an archetype. I set up children to compete in country teams. Also, as Science Coordinator I led the development of investigation skills in the classroom. I set up structures that ensured effectual use of available resources. Pupils practiced their investigation skills in scientific activities in the class room. As part of the scheme of work, I liaised with third parties including consultants to the local authority and staff. The resulting benefit for staff is that they thought it made it easier for them to use investigation skills in the classroom.

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