

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

### About me

I was born and grew up in Bury and went to Bury schools. I have worked in Bury all my life. I used to be a teacher in Bury and then came to work for the Local Authority in 1998.

I try really hard every day to make sure that children and young people with additional needs or special educational needs can receive the education they deserve. This is the most important part of my job.

When I'm not at work, I like to spend time gardening, especially growing my own herbs and flowers. I enjoy cooking and baking too and I am a cat lover 😊

**Name:** Cath Atherden

**Role:** Service Lead, SEND Support



### How I can help you

I know all of the schools in Bury really well and can often help children, young people and their families to talk with schools when a problem arises. I can help families to get in touch with the right services so that their children's education will work out successfully.

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### About my role

I lead the SEND Support Service, which oversees projects to help education settings to become as inclusive as they possibly can. Our service co-ordinates the Inclusion Quality Mark, the SEND School Improvement programme, and oversees Bury's Local Offer and Graduated Approach Toolkit.

Our service also supports the primary school Locality Areas and the secondary Inclusion Partnerships.

We work with other services across Education, Health and Social Care to provide advice and support for the inclusion of children and young people with SEND in education settings.