**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

Name: Sue Evans

Role: Senior Outreach Officer: Inclusion and SEND

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**How can I help you?**

I work with schools and settings to support them to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND. Often, a small change can make a big difference.

Parents are the experts in their children, and I listen carefully to them as well as helping school to find out what children themselves think about what is happening.

Working together and using solution focussed approaches can help us to find outcomes that improve the lives of children and young people.

**About my role**

I work under the direction of Michael Kemp (Strategic Lead for SEND and Inclusion) and Catherine Atherden (SEND Support Lead). We are currently recruiting a team of Outreach Officers and Assistants who will represent a wide range of skills. Our service will support the primary school Locality Areas and the secondary Inclusion Partnerships. Working alongside the SEND support team, we will support schools to implement the Graduated Approach Toolkit.

I also 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.

**About me**

I have lived in the Bury area for over 20 years. I love the music, landscape and artistic heritage of Manchester as well as the independent shops in Ramsbottom and Hebden Bridge.

I originally trained as an Art Teacher and worked in mainstream schools in Leeds and Essex, moving back to the North to work in other settings including Pupil Referral Units, Special Education, and Hospital Provisions as well as Bury’s Outreach Services.

I like to be active and enjoy walking, cycling and yoga. I also enjoy visiting art galleries, museums, and places of interest in this country and abroad.