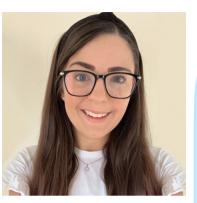
Chloe Flanagan, Reception Class Teacher





Have you always worked in teaching/schools?

Teaching has always been my dream job, I got into it as soon as I could! At college, I began volunteering in local schools and then went onto study a BEd in Primary Education. I was lucky enough to secure my previous role while on placement as a student teacher 5 years ago. Along the way, I have experienced a variety of weekend jobs and one very exciting summer job - working in Walt Disney World. Now I am ready for my next exciting adventure at Abbey Farm Educate Together.

Why did you go into teaching/work in schools?

Teaching is something I am truly passionate about. As teachers, we can provide a safe and nurturing environment for children and help them grow. We work alongside parents to help their children develop in so many ways; socially, emotionally, academically and so much more. I love how every day is different and the children never fail to bring joy and laughter into the classroom - who wouldn't want to be a part of that?

What was your career path through teaching/current role?

After I graduated University, I spent my first year of teaching in a Year 2 class and then made to move to Reception and have been there ever since. Alongside my class teacher role, I have led the phonics and spelling curriculum, ran the school council and tutored children within the school.

Why did you choose Educate Together?

After having a leaflet about Abbey Farm, I was intrigued to find out about Educate Together Schools. I found that their values strongly aligned with mine. From my perspective, school should be a safe place for all children where they can grow into confident and independent individuals. It is important to recognise that every child will come to school with their own interests and individual strengths. The ethos of Educate Together celebrates individuality and is centred around the children and families who are part of their schools. This is something that I absolutely had to be a part of!

What is different about your role in a new school?

Taking a role in a new school is a unique opportunity and I am really looking forward to the exciting journey ahead. We can create a school that caters to our community and the individuals in it. Abbey Farm has already formed strong relationships with the community, and I look forward to being a part of building our school together.

What excites you about the future?

There are so many things exciting things coming soon, which I am really looking forward too. Mostly, I can't wait to meet all our lovely families and get to know everyone

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