



Teacher Name: Mrs M K Basra

School: Nishkam School West London

Subject: Associate Teacher/Punjabi Teacher

My route into teaching:

My passion in teaching began when I was 16 years old as I started taking my brother to playgroup and spending time with children doing activities. However, circumstances did not allow me to pursue my dream. After getting married I started working in a dentist as a receptionist, but my colleagues often told me that I was in the wrong job and I should be a teacher. I strongly believe that if you are passionate about something you enjoy, you should never give up your dream, so I enrolled on an Adult Education course and started doing level 1 in Education. During my first year not only did I start working in a private Nursery as a

Nursery Practitioner, I also won an Individual Learners Award. After completing my Level 3, four years later Nishkam came calling for me, and here I am. What an inspiring and magnificent start to my career in teaching.

Why I love my job:

Teaching is one of the most rewarding and fulfilling career in numerous ways. I love my profession, I know that I am making a difference to a child's life, however big or small it might be. No two days are the same when you are working with children. As I have been given the opportunity to be a MFL teacher, and teach Punjabi from Primary through to Secondary, watching students make progress and enjoy the subject I have a passion for is the highlight of my job.

Why Nishkam:

As soon as I was given my first tour of the school, it felt like my second home. I am a strong believer in following the values and striving for excellence, and when both of these aspects were mentioned as part of Nishkam Trust it was almost like hitting the jackpot. I do believe these are the two important areas that gives pupils the best start to their lives. There is something spectacular happening here at Nishkam School West London and I am honoured to be a part of the journey.

Next Steps:

I am really looking forward to the new and exciting challenges that this role will bring as I complete my A Level in Punjabi and become a full-time MFL teacher.