



**Teacher Name:** Mrs M Kaur

**School:** Nishkam School West London

**Subject:** Year 4 teacher/Year 3 and 4 Phase Leader

**My route into teaching:**

After my high school education I completed a BA Hons in Media Studies close to my hometown of Leeds. It was here that I developed technical skills in computing and graphic design as well as enhancing my creative passion through photography and videography. During my studies I was fortunate enough to be involved in setting up the first Sikh faith school in Leeds, which led me to volunteer within the

reception class and this sparked my love for education. I went on to complete a PGCE and specialised in Early Years Education.

**Why I love my job:**

When I was six years old I was asked the age-old question of *'what do you want to be when you grow up?'* my answer was a leader. As a teacher within a classroom we are not only leaders ourselves but we are supporting the leaders of the future.

Teaching children all the way from Reception up to Year 7 has been a fantastic learning opportunity for myself. From the immense achievement of our youngest children who learn to write their name to pupils who solve difficult maths problems on a daily basis is what gives me the drive to always challenge the pupils to achieve their best. Ultimately, the main reason why I love my job is seeing my class every day and watching them grow as young people throughout the year.

**Why Nishkam:**

My religion, Sikhism, is one of the most important aspects of my life, so naturally I was drawn to the school. During my first visit I was blown away by the positivity and enthusiasm that radiated from every corner and person in the school. Immediately, I knew that Nishkam was the place for me. The values are an integral part of daily life here at Nishkam and they resonate with my own personal values, they allow each and every individual here to be the best version of themselves.

**Next steps for me:**

Since joining in 2016 I have developed in my experience and career, I have had the pleasure of teaching in Reception and then moving up to Year 3 and 4. Since September 2018 I have developed my skills by teaching Year 7 computing and also taking on the Year 3 and 4 Phase Leader role. I am really looking forward to further developing my leadership here at Nishkam School West London as well as my classroom practice in KS2.