

Meet the Team



Fiona Brissenden

Nursery Principal

EYP, BA Hons, Mont Dip

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Fiona started the Old School House in Tenterden in 1993 having completed her Montessori Diploma in 1980. In 2009 Fiona became an Early Years Professional as part of her BA Hons in Early Years with Montessori.

Fiona works with Camilla on a day to day basis to ensure that the children attending receive the highest level of care and opportunity.



Camilla Brissenden

Nursery Manager and Lead Montessori Directress.

QTS, BA Hons, Mont Dip

Millie has been working at TOSH since September 2008. During her time working here she has completed a Montessori Diploma, BA Hons in Early Years and then completed a P.G.C.E in Primary education aged 5-11.

Millie is based in the Gosling classroom with the older children but also works with other Room Leaders to support planning and organisation, maximising all of our children's learning and development.



Sarah Bailey

Deputy Manager

Mont Dip

Sarah initially joined TOSH at the start of our story, when we first opened our doors in 1993. She then left us to work with children with additional needs - before returning to us in 2008. She holds a Montessori Diploma, leads our Duckling room and acts as Manager in the absence of Millie.



Sharon Child

NVQ III, General Manager

Sharon worked here many years ago and returned to us in 2017. She has completing the final stages of a level III Early Years qualification and acts as general manager, taking charge of catering, risk management and maintenance throughout the building. She is not based in a specific room, but moves to where she is needed.



Stephen Brissenden (AKA Stevo)

Steve has been married to Fiona for 36 years, and is a natural with children, having enjoyed caring for his own six.

Stevo as he is referred to by all the children, is our general handyman and groundsman. He also often drives the bus to do the school run and is most popular because he remembers biscuits or when it's hot ice lollies!



Ellie Hayward

Mont Dip, NVQ 3

Ellie has been with us here at TOSH for the past five years. She holds a Montessori Diploma to teach using the Montessori Method of Education 2 to 6 years and is currently based in our Gosling room as Deputy room lead.



Anna Plummer

Mont Dip.

Anna holds a Montessori Diploma which qualifies her to teach children between the age of 2 and 6. Anna worked with us at TOSH prior to moving away and managing another setting, before returning to the area and luckily to us. Anna is currently based in our Duckling room.



Emma Holmes

NVQ III

Emma is a relatively new member of our team, having been with us for the past 9 months, but has previous experience working in other settings. She is currently based in our Infant Community.



Emma Goodsell

Emma has been part of team TOSH for the past three years. Since joining us, she has completed a full level III qualification and is about to embark on an Early Years Foundation Degree on a part-time basis, whilst continuing to be part of our Gosling room team.



Emma Vant

NVQ III, Infant Community Deputy Lead Practitioner.

Emma attended TOSH when she was a child and returned to us as an amazing practitioner four years ago.



Jazmyn Oldridge

Jazmyn has also been part of team TOSH for the past three years. During this time she has gained both Level II and III qualifications in Early Years and has been a valued member of our team.

Sadly Jazmyn is taking her passion for early years education travelling and has a place in Nepal working with orphans. She will be leaving us later in the term and we wish her every good luck .



Laura Crossley

NVQ III

Laura joined us at TOSH last year. She is currently acting as Infant Community Leader, overseeing and co-ordinating both rooms.



Marine Real

Marine joined us in January this year and is currently working towards a Level III qualification in Early Years Education and Care.

She is currently based in our Infant Community.



Molly Milton

Molly has been on placement from school with us here at TOSH for the past 12 months.

She is now looking forward to remaining with us as an apprentice and is about to begin studying for a Level II Early Years Qualification.



Rachael Tong

NVQ III

Rachael has been part of team TOSH for the past year. She has worked in Early Years for several years before joining us.



Andrea Bates

Andrea provides daily lunch time cover in all rooms.



Julie Ponford

NVQ III

Julie is one of our newest team members, joining us in September 2018. She has more than a decades worth of experience working in another Montessori Nursery. She will be based in our Gosling Room.



Lily Wilding

Lily provides lunch cover during term time in all room.



Dawn Potter

NVQ III

Dawn originally joined us many moons ago when we were based in Tenterden, working in the nursery when we were Term time only as manager.

During her time away from nursery Dawn has worked in the Sure Start centre - taking classes with parents on food and nutrition as well as arranging lots of fun activities at the centre.

Dawn will be doing a couple of mornings a week as well as cover during staff holidays.

Alongside working here Dawn does Baby Massage classes - please do find her if you want more details.