

Our Team – School Leaders

Lisa Whittaker - Accounting Officer and CEO

With over 25 years' experience in the Education Sector including over 10 years' experience as both a Headteacher and Executive Headteacher in 3 schools, Lisa has a passion for school improvement and securing educational excellence for all pupils. Utilising her skills in strategic planning, school improvement, performance management and leadership Lisa is also a strategic partner for a local Teaching School and has been a Local Leader since 2011.



Rhian Driver- Head of School, Red Lane Primary School

Rhian has been the Head of School at Red Lane since the formation of the Trust in September 2016. As an experienced Senior Leader Rhian has an unshakeable belief and determination in the right of children to high-quality education. Rhian has completed the National Professional Qualification for Headship, the National Award for Special Needs Coordination and also holds a Post-Graduate certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia).



Gemma Topolinski- Head of School, Masefield Primary School

Gemma is committed to school improvement and securing the best possible outcomes for pupils. She has over 10 years teaching experience across 3 schools and has held a number of leadership positions including SENCo. Gemma began at Masefield Primary in September 2014 as Deputy Headteacher and has since been promoted to Head of School. During which time there has been significant school improvement. Gemma has completed the National Professional Qualification for Headship.

