

Mrs Handysides, Assistant Head, Pastoral, DDSP

I grew up on an arable farm in a tiny village in Hertfordshire. When I was 19 I went to university in Sheffield. It was a very different experience for me to live in a big city but I loved it! During my final year at university I had to decide what to do next. I knew that I wanted to have a job where I helped people and one of my friends said she thought I would be good at teaching, so I went and did teacher training at Cambridge University. After I qualified as a teacher, I taught in Stevenage for 2 years, then moved to London for several years, and then back to Stevenage to work at Featherstone Wood! I love coming to work every day - the children and staffs at Featherstone Wood are so friendly, enthusiastic and everyone has a love of learning.

In my spare time I like spending time with my family, reading, ballet dancing and cooking (I'm not very good at it but I keep trying!