

Dan Taylor-Macnamara: English; Closing the Gap; Teaching and Learning

I am Assistant Principal and the Curriculum and Assessment Lead at Yew Tree Primary Academy. I have successfully implemented writing, spelling, handwriting and guided reading schemes and approaches, with a rich text based curriculum, all with strong links to foundation subject themes. I have delivered twilights and staff meetings to support colleagues with pedagogy in English, together with one-on-one consultancy support throughout the year, resulting in a consistent approach to Teaching and Learning. I have delivered moderation support one-on-one, across a Trust and for Knowsley LA.

I have been the Lead moderator for Knowsley since 2017. This role requires me to support authority-wide CPD events, as well moderate individual schools. I have been a guest lecturer for a Manchester SCITT- delivering the English element of the programme for trainee teachers and have also delivered a new Year 6 course, for Knowsley LA.