


## LETS Go! Inclusion Advisory Teacher Information

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| Name: Sarah Holton  | Email address: sholton@letsgouk.org  |
| <p>Background:</p>  | <p>Sarah is a teacher who specialises in supporting children with Down syndrome in mainstream schools.</p> <p>Sarah has 18 years of primary teaching experience, specialising in Early Years and Key Stage 1. She has worked with many children with a variety of additional needs within a mainstream setting, and is passionate about successful inclusion. During her time teaching, she has worked as assessment coordinator, and been acting Deputy Head. She has first-hand experience of supporting a child with Down syndrome in the classroom and knows the challenges and benefits of inclusion for teachers and schools.</p> <p>Sarah has been with LETS Go! since 2013 and manages and delivers the specialist school outreach support for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and manages the early development groups for pre-school children. Sarah has a keen interest in research and is involved in a number of our research projects including our recent Inclusion Survey with Manchester Uni.</p> <p>In 2020, Sarah developed the PEGS programme with LETS Go! and PADS, planning and creating early development videos that focus on early reading, number and fine motor skills. This programme is to support families who may not be able to access in person support or early intervention groups across the UK.</p> <p>Sarah delivers training on the learning profile associated with Down syndrome, literacy and numeracy development, developing play and fine motor skills as well as behaviour. She also delivers training and information sessions direct to schools through inset days, staff meetings, PSHE activities and assemblies.</p> <p>Sarah is a mum to two children, one of whom has Down syndrome and attended services at Down Syndrome Education International. She has been involved in the piloting and review of the See and Learn resources as well as reviewing the Reading and Language Intervention programme for children with Down syndrome.</p> |
| Qualifications:   | 2001 PGCE Primary Teaching (Early Years Specialism)<br>1998 Bachelor Degree (Hons) in Arts and Education   |
| Relevant additional training:   | 2016-present Down syndrome annual research forum<br>2021 Makaton training<br>2020 WJEC qualification training (A.Powell)<br>2019 Early Number skills in Pupils with Down syndrome (Happy Minds)<br>2019 Clicker Training<br>2019 Building Self Esteem, Social Inclusion and Peer Confidence (V.Ralfs & A.Powell)<br>2019 Effective Education for children with Down syndrome in school (DSEI)<br>2019 Behaviour Management for Pupils with Down syndrome (V.Ralfs & A.Powell)<br>2018 Getting the most from your iPad & special iApps: Early Years & KS1<br>2007 Supporting early development for children with Down syndrome (birth – 5) (DSA)  |
| DBS & Safeguarding:   | Enhanced DBS check – updated August 2020<br>NSPCC Safeguarding Training – July 2021  |