

Introducing Kathryn Clarke Primary Mathematics



I joined the University of Chester in September 2014 where I am a Senior Lecturer in Primary Mathematics Education, teaching on both the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Currently I am also the Programme Leader for the PGCE Primary (Core and School Direct) and PGCE Primary/ Early Years (Core and School Direct) programmes. As a teacher of primary mathematics, I often come across students who want to be primary teachers, but do not like the subject; my aim is to build up the confidence of these students, so they grow to love the subject and become excellent teachers of mathematics.

Before working at the University of Chester I worked in a number of primary schools, and I have also been a mathematics consultant for Cheshire West and Chester Authority. I have an MA in Teaching and Learning with a specialism in Mathematics Education and am currently studying for a Doctorate in Education. My research interests are mainly about how to change the perceptions of people, especially beginning teachers, so that they feel positive about mathematics and can therefore spread the news that mathematics can be a wonderful subject for everyone.

I am a member of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMET) and of the British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics (BSRLM).