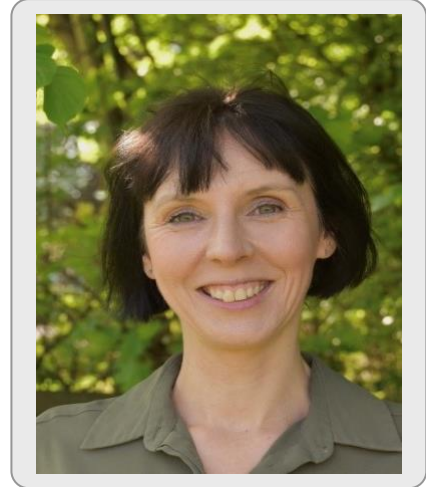




**Laura Patel, Deputy Headteacher  
Mellers Primary School**

- Assessment
- Closing the Gap
- Attendance
- Raising standards in EYFS provision



“ I am passionate about assessment and the opportunities “life after levels” can offer! I think all children can succeed and that the effective use of assessment for learning strategies and use of data can support the acceleration of progress and raise attainment. I enjoy working with other settings to support their drive for improvement and sharing / reflecting on practice, in which we all benefit.”

Laura is an experienced Deputy Head teacher, working in Nottingham city for over 15 years, with experience from EYFS to Year 6. She is assessment lead and has worked, as part of the senior leadership team, to develop the early year's quality of provision to a securely good Ofsted judgment.

She has led EYFS audits to identify and build on strengths in provision and teaching and learning, whilst driving forward improvement through clear action planning. Coaching and mentoring techniques have been used to impact on standards and outcomes.

Laura can offer school-to-school support in implementing the new assessment system in primary schools. She has wide experience of developing assessment practice and procedures to support closing the gap. This includes the implementation of effective assessment for learning strategies and securing accurate teacher judgements. Through the development of rigorous pupil progress meetings and data analysis, Laura has helped accelerate progress, effectively target intervention and impact on attainment.

Laura has been able to raise attendance from below 95% to 97% and reduce the number of persistent absentees to 3 in two years. She is able to provide support in attendance policy reviews, audit of practice and provide strategies to impact on attendance outcomes.

