



SEN and Engagement Service Manager

I am Joanne Mills, the SEN & Engagement Service Manager for Stockton. My roots are in teaching and I was a teacher and SENCO for 18 years in secondary schools across 3 different north eastern Local Authorities. I joined Stockton LA as an SEN Education Development Adviser in April 2013 and was appointed to my current role in September 2016.

I am driven by innovative ways of working to provide improved outcomes for children and young people in Stockton, allowing each and every one of them to fulfil their potential with enjoyable and meaningful skills for life.

My vision is one of inclusion and I am determined to develop a menu of services to meet the needs of children and young people of Stockton, on the basis that one size doesn't fit all! I have very high expectations of my teams of staff, who will challenge the thinking of schools and settings and offer high quality support, advice and guidance.

I will work tirelessly and provide a skilful workforce to promote opportunities for early identification of needs with swift and appropriate intervention, engaging with partners to meet the needs of Stockton children and importantly in Stockton schools and settings.

I will promise to invest time and resources with our schools and settings and to provide high quality training to enable those that work with the children and young people of Stockton to be the best in the country. This will not happen overnight, but if we all work together with a shared vision, and work with the children, young people and their families, we can achieve great things.

For your information, my Service includes the following teams:

Statutory SEN Team	Manager – Gill Burnett
SEN Advisory Team	Manager – Leanne Chilton
Educational Psychology	Manager – Judith Garbutt

