

## Aretha Banton bio

I am really excited to be joining Ealing as the Assistant Director for SEND and Inclusion. I will be joining an excellent team of practitioners to provide high quality services to schools and families, including 0-25 disability services, alternative provision, and statutory SEND services. We will be focused on ensuring that Ealing's SEND and Inclusion provisions continue to provide excellent support to all families, children and young people.

Throughout my career, I have always been passionate about ensuring that education is accessible for every single child. I have worked as a senior leader across all phases from EYFS to p16. My main areas of leadership expertise are inclusion, quality of education and the curriculum, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, SEND and Safeguarding. I have extensive experience of working with services to ensure a holistic approach to education and inclusion, crucially ensuring that children and young people have access to the right services, at the right time.

Outside of work, I spend most of my time attempting to train the family dachshund (who is increasingly stubborn). I also enjoy travelling the world with a focus on classical history, hiking, and studying forensic psychology and criminology.