



Elizabeth Impett,

Director of Pastoral Care

Liz Impett graduated in 1992 from Leicester University with a Bachelor of Education (Hons) degree. She began her teaching career as a Year 5 teacher in a middle school in Northamptonshire. Within three months of teaching a large class of nine year olds from a diverse range of backgrounds with a wide range of abilities, Liz became interested in developing her expertise in learning difficulties. She started her Diploma in Special Needs and before it was completed she had already been promoted to SENCo. She moved into the senior part of the middle school and specialised in teaching French, History and Maths alongside her SENCo responsibilities. After seven years Liz decide to move further into secondary education and moved to Roundwood Park School, Harpenden as SENCo. She became more and more interested in the way children's' skills develop and worked with pupils of all ages in developing their study skills. She worked on many working parties and was particularly interested in tracking pupils' progress.

In 2001, Liz moved to Tunisia to marry and start a family. Within the eight years she lived there she formed her own business teaching doctors and physiotherapists English and managed a Norwegian company which specialised in medical holidays for the elderly. At one point she was teaching herself Norwegian and Arabic whilst trying to improve her French. Liz began working for a company that specialised in single parent holidays for divorcees and widows. She has led around 65 groups over the last seventeen years and still occasionally volunteers her time.

Liz returned to the UK in 2009 and began researching developments in education and gaining up-to-date knowledge by joining the SENCo team at Parmiter's School and teaching a Year 5/6 class in Hertfordshire. She joined Abbot's Hill in September 2010 to lead the Learning Support Department as SENCo, and Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator. Liz joined the Senior Leader Management team in January 2012 as Head of Pupil Progress, taking overall responsibility for tracking across the prep and senior school. She joined the Senior Leadership Team in September 2013. In September 2015 Liz's role expanded to include the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead for Abbot's Hill, and in January 2016 she became Head of Pupil Progress and Welfare, taking the lead for Pastoral issues in the Senior school as well as continuing other responsibilities.