

# All about Karin

## Who am I:

I am an Educational Psychologist. I enjoy swimming, yoga, cycling, exploring in the UK or beyond and spending time with friends and family. People describe me as calm, friendly, considerate and reflective. People also say that I listen carefully and that I have a good sense of humour.

## What do I do:

As an Educational Psychologist, I go into lots of schools and settings to talk with staff, parent/carers and young people about their experiences. My job is to help people to understand and support children to be the best they can. Some things I like doing in my job are helping people to make sense of things and work out what to do when they feel stuck – as well as helping schools to develop as communities where children are at the heart of them.

## What is important to me:

I do this job because I believe passionately that every child has the right to feel happy in themselves and to feel valued by others, to have friends and feel like they belong, to have the opportunities they need to help them enjoy learning and achieve to their best ability – and to have any support they may need to help them to be the best they can be.

## What to expect when you meet me:

I may ask you as a parent/carer about how things are going for your child, including, their strengths and what they enjoy, as well as, any concerns you may have about how they are getting on. When I meet with you a child or young person, I may ask how things are going and ask about your ideas for how we could make things feel better. I might bring some activities for us to do together to help us understand things more and you might see me in class or at break when I visit to see how things are going.

## How best to communicate with me:

I am always happy to speak with others if they wish to contact me as part of my role. I am happy to listen, to try to understand and to help you with any queries you may have. The best way to contact me is by emailing the Educational Psychology Service at [EPSenquiries@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:EPSenquiries@swindon.gov.uk) and a message will be given to me so that I can get in touch with you. I am often out in schools but I will try to get back to you as soon as I can!

