



Testimonial



Having worked for the council for over a decade, I was fortunate to be allocated the role of Caretaker at RTMAT, where I provided an efficient and high-quality caretaking service across the schools.

Part way through my time with the council, I was asked to take on additional duties based at The Learning Centre on Park Lane. This is where I was first introduced to the Hospital School team. From that point on, I felt that this was where I truly belonged. I worked closely alongside the central team, looking after and maintaining the school building to ensure it remained fully operational for both staff and students.

Due to the size of the building, I was also able to carry out additional responsibilities, including cleaning duties, health and safety tasks and compliance checks, while continuing to work alongside the central site teams.

In recognition of the work I had done for the school, in January 2025 the Head Teacher offered me the opportunity to leave the council and become a permanent member of the River Tees Hospital School staff team, an opportunity I accepted without hesitation.

Following the move to Sandringham House, I was excited to take on further challenges, as the new site was triple the size of The Learning Centre. However, I knew I would always have the support of the team I work alongside, which gave me the confidence to embrace this new chapter.

As I begin to consider retirement over the next few years, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities that RTMAT has given me. I will forever be proud to call myself a permanent member of the Hospital School team.



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