## Meet Our SENCO: Mrs Jade Marco (Assistant Head for Inclusion)



A little about myself: My name is Mrs Marco, and it is my pleasure to be able to introduce myself to you all, so that you know a little bit about me and my experience. I had the honour of teaching in Key Stage 1 at Fairview between 2007 and 2010, whilst I got married and started my family. In fact, Miss Brown and I joined Fairview at the same time, fell pregnant within weeks of each other and have remained firm friends ever since so I'm really looking forward to working alongside her again.

I am now mum to two sons, aged 10 and 13, and I live out in the beautiful countryside with my husband, our boys and our crazy, but adorable, springer spaniel named Bertie. In my spare time (in between chauffeuring my children around the Medway towns) I love to read, bake yummy treats, go for long dog walks, and spend time with my family and friends.

I qualified as a teacher way back in 2003 (that makes me feel very old!) and have seen a lot of changes to the education system during my 20 years in the profession. During my teaching career I have been fortunate enough to gain many other qualifications and experiences - I am a qualified Reading Recovery teacher; I hold the NASENCO award for SEN co-ordination and I have recently completed a PGCE in Specialist Assessment of Specific Learning Difficulties: Dyslexia so I will soon be a registered Dyslexia Assessor, which is one of my main passions in life.

As well as having a keen interest in specific learning difficulties, I am also a strong advocate for supporting and developing the mental health and wellbeing of children and their families. I firmly believe that learning extends way beyond the classroom, and I pride myself on the positive and respectful relationships I have built with many families over the years.

I have been an Assistant Head for Inclusion for over 9 years in two schools and I want you to know that I absolutely love my job! There is nothing more rewarding than witnessing the difference an inclusive and supportive approach and environment can make to an individual, their family and the wider community and I am hoping to be able to bring my knowledge, experience, passion, and enthusiasm for all things SEND to Fairview in order to continue to build upon the fantastic practice already in place.