



**Gina Thompson**

## **Children's Speech and Language Therapist LPT FYPC**

### **What does your job involve?**

Children's speech and language therapy in mainstream schools, pre-school settings, special school (SLD/PMLD), primary MLD units and ASD units

### **When did you start your job, and how did you find it?**

I started my job in January 2017, I handed my CV in to my local team and, following an interview, started working in a band 5 bank post.

### **How did you prepare for interviews?**

I contacted friends and previous colleagues from clinical placements to discuss potential questions and case scenarios. I also found it very useful to make scatter charts to think about my previous experiences and how these could be applied to the questions advised in online forums

### **What does your typical day look like?**

I work across a range of different settings, making most clinical contact in schools and pre-schools during school hours. Following this I complete clinical notes, therapy plans, phone calls and other admin tasks

### **Do you have supervision support as an NQP and are you currently working through your competency framework?**

During the completion of my competencies, I had regular meetings with my mentor to discuss complex cases and ways of working. Following this, I have access to a regular supervision group and specialist 1:1s to support my working and development.

### **My advice to students:**

Enjoy the experience and don't be worried or anxious if you feel lost at the start- it's totally normal and you'll be surprised how quickly everything will fall into place!

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