

University Centre Colchester (UCC)

Staff Profile

Name:	Wendy Meadows
Job title/role:	Lecturer Early Years Primary education and Childhood Studies Degree
Subjects taught/administrative responsibilities:	<p>Modules taught:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding and supporting Special Education Needs and Disabilities• Professional Practice – the Curriculum• Professional Practice – in context• Academic Practice• Welfare and Safeguarding• Child Development
Qualifications and Membership of Professional bodies:	<p>First Class Degree – Essex University – Early Years</p> <p>Distinction – ARU – Primary PGCE</p> <p>Forest School Level 1</p> <p>Level 3 Diploma in Dyslexia Awareness</p> <p>PATA – Anna Ephgrave, in the Moment Planning Course</p>
Experience in Education:	<p>Secondary Education – Colchester County High School and Colchester Sixth Form College</p> <p>Degree – Essex University but based at Colchester Institute</p> <p>PGCE – ARU Chelmsford – Placements at Hamilton Primary – Colchester and Montgomery Juniors - Colchester</p> <p>Primary Teaching:</p> <p>Cherry Tree Primary – Colchester</p> <p>Elmstead Market Primary – Colchester</p> <p>Silverline International School – Limassol, Cyprus</p> <p>Frinton Primary School - Frinton</p>
Biography and personal interests:	<p>Began as a teaching assistant but inspired to take a degree and then PGCE to become a teacher. Have taught across KS1 and KS2 in various schools in Colchester. Have been science subject lead and mentored trainee teachers.</p> <p>Moved to Cyprus where I worked in an international school in Early Years, KS1 and KS2. Working with high levels of EAL children was an initial challenge but loved the experience. Developed phonics throughout school as phonics lead and implemented more outdoor learning and in the moment planning in the Early Years.</p> <p>Still working as a primary teacher one day a week.</p> <p>Am an avid escape roomer, enjoys live music and the theatre. Love to travel and spent a month travelling back from Cyprus across Europe, always have a trip planned! I volunteer at my local cricket club working behind the bar.</p>

Professional practice / research

Interest in teaching creativity, and using the outdoor environment, especially in STEM subjects across primary education.