

## About Paul – Primary School Site Manager (Caretaker) and School Crossing Patrol Supervisor

A very dear friend of mine was a school caretaker and I saw how enjoyable the work could be and how great the kids were. So, I was very excited when, after applying for a job as a Site Manager, I was offered the post at my school, as I wasn't enjoying my previous job all that much.

In both my jobs as Site Manager and School Crossing Patrol, my main duty is to take care of the children before and after school. I much prefer the title of Caretaker than Site Manager; as my work is all about taking care of children by ensuring a clean and safe learning and teaching environment.

I love working with children, seeing their innocence early on and their cheeky grins as they get older. It is lovely to watch the same pupils grow up and develop from Nursery to Year 6.

There are tough parts of my job too, as a Caretaker I can work long hours and during winter, I have to work outside in the cold. As member of the school crossing patrol I get frustrated when drivers aren't considerate, particularly when they are driving while talking on their mobile phones.

At the end of the day it's all about job satisfaction and the pupils make it all worthwhile, seeing their smiling faces is enough. Taking a messy school at 3:30 pm and delivering a clean one by 6:00 pm is surprisingly fulfilling.

In addition, the Local Authority recognises your contribution. I was fortunate enough to get the Mayor's award this year. It showed me they really appreciated my work.

My school in particular, is a great place to work, it is like my second family, all staff are friends and every member of staff knows every pupil's name.

In a few years time I wouldn't see myself anywhere else but here, hopefully developing as a person and Site Manager.

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