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I joined North Beckton Primary School in 1994 so have been here for nearly 30 years! However, my history with the school starts even before the first brick was laid! I have vivid memories of making placards and joining rallies to support the building of North Beckton School as there wasn't a local primary school for my little ones to attend.

Fast forward a few years and can recall bringing my children to a 'Parent and Tots' group that was held in the school. I still remember the then head coming in and asking if any of the mums would like to volunteer in the school, I had never worked in a school before as I came from a secretarial background but agreed. Never in a million years did I think that volunteering for a few days would lead to weeks- months-years and decades. I have had many roles in my time here, from volunteering to support children with SEND at lunchtimes, to a 'Meal Time Supervisor', to 'Teaching Assistant', to Supporting children with EAL. I was surprised by how much I enjoyed my various roles and soon after was inspired to work towards my Teaching Assistant qualification. In my time here I have seen many changes and a range of staff come and go. I have chosen to stay because the community at North Beckton Primary are a big family, my family.

I feel honoured to work with the children on a daily basis and play some part on their learning journeys; whether it is at the very early stages of learning English, building fluency in their reading or simply bringing a smile to their faces when they need a boost. I hope to continue to be a part of this school long after I retire and can see myself completing the circle volunteering once again.

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