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Join Our Governing Board – Make a Difference in Special Education

Role: Co-opted School Governor (Voluntary position)

School Type: Special Educational Needs (SEN) Primary School

Location: [The Birches Specialist Support Primary School, Newholme Road, West Didsbury, Manchester, M20 2XZ](#)

Commitment: Approx. 6 –10 meetings per year + occasional school visits

Are you passionate about inclusive education and playing a part to ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive?

The Birches Specialist Support Primary School is a warm, welcoming, and nurturing environment for children with a wide range of complex needs, including profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), severe learning difficulties, autism, and other special educational needs. We are currently seeking committed individuals to join our Governing Body and help shape the future of our school.

Mission Statement – Working Together, Achieving Together

About the Role

As a school governor, you will be part of a team responsible for:

- Setting the school's strategic direction
- Supporting and challenging school leadership to ensure high standards
- Overseeing the school's financial performance
- Ensuring the school meets the diverse needs of its pupils

You don't need prior experience in education—what matters most is your commitment, curiosity, and willingness to learn.

We Are Particularly Interested in Individuals With Experience In:

- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or broader education
- Building and premises management
- Finance, HR, or Legal expertise

- Safeguarding or social care
 - Community engagement or local government
 - Health and wellbeing (including mental health)
 - Fundraising
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What You'll Gain

- The opportunity to make a real impact in the lives of children with special needs
 - Professional development and training
 - Experience in strategic leadership and governance
 - The satisfaction of contributing to your local community
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Time Commitment

This is a voluntary role. Governors typically attend 6–10 meetings per year (usually in the evenings) and visit the school occasionally during the day.

How to Apply

If you're enthusiastic about helping children reach their full potential and want to make a meaningful contribution, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact admin@thebirchesschool.org or phone school on 0161 448 8895 and ask to speak to Adel the School Business Manager