



## Parent governor application 2026



### Ian Harkins

Over the past 10 years I have been working as the Head of service, GLL, in Manchester overseeing the leisure service and a £38m budget (income and expenditure). I have overseen £150m investment into the leisure facilities alongside multiple KPIs.

Currently responsible for 550-600 employees, managing and implementing legal requirements, health and safety legislation, GDPR and safeguarding systems, and delivering OFSTED registered play schemes. I currently sit on the GM Active board so have an understanding of governance and having a strong, supportive structure. I am very flexible and can support based on the needs of the governing team and have experience working with educational partners, including youth services, looked after children and others.

I really value early years learning and will be very happy to develop my own skills to support the board.