

Governor Bio Template

Governor Name	Julie Brooks
Category of Governor	Co-opted
Term of Office	26 Jan 2022 – 26 Jan 2025
Committees/Board Roles	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Governor Teaching & Learning Committee
<p>Skills / Experience/Background:</p> <p>I have been a school governor for 6 years and it is a role I feel privileged to have. I am an IT Implementation Manager and worked at same company for 25 years. I am married with one son whom attended both the infant and junior schools and new millside pre-school. Broughton Community Schools feels at the heart of where I live and is part of the local community I live in.</p> <p>I am a special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) governor and this is an area I am passionate about and I always strive to be the voice for children with SEND at our school through our governing body meetings. Through my own very personal experience of this area I have walked in the shoes of many parents and carers that are part of the schools community and have children with SEND. My son is on the Autism Spectrum and has high anxiety and an education health care plan (EHCP). I have been through the process and primary school journey that many of you face. In addition I have faced many of the outside agencies that some of you will have experienced from Specialist Teaching Service, Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Therapists, Educational psychologists, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service to name a few. On my own journey I have been to special educational needs and disabilities tribunal with my own son's case. I understand the struggle, difficulty and sometimes battle many have to face as a parent/carer with long waiting lists, a world of reports that are difficult to understand when everyone just wants a result or help. I also know what a lonely place it can be, I have been there and some days still am. All of the above makes me want to make a difference, makes me want to fight for every child at our school and I want to ensure our school continues to do everything we can for our SEND children. This is a subject that is close to my heart and always will be. "Sometimes real superheroes live in the hearts of small children fighting big battles"</p>	