



## The Children's Champion

Hannah Connors, Talent Lead at AmcoGiffen is the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Link Governor at her children's local school, utilising her skills and contacts as a co-ordinator of careers and talent to facilitate progressive change.

Drawing on personal experiences, Hannah is a passionate advocate for creating the right environment and opportunities for children with SEND based needs.



## Achievements to Date

As a SEND Governor, Hannah is determined to ensure every child has access to the right tools they need for a successful life and career beyond the fabric of school life.

Drawing upon her knowledge and resources, Hannah has utilised her role to address curriculum inequalities which mainstream education often does not recognise or cater for. Conducting regular SEND Surgeries at the school to represent students and parents, Hannah is the voice and facilitator of change at her local secondary school.

Utilising her volunteering days across 2022, Hannah will be lending her expertise to conduct Learning Walks at the school with members of the Senior Leadership Team. Here, she is able to see her work in action and also implement further development strategies which are needed to support SEND children.



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Becoming a SEND Governor, I was keen to articulate and create opportunities so that every child can be the best they can be and get the most out of their school experience. Utilising my volunteering days, I'm able to see first hand the work we do, being implemented in the classroom. The role of Governors at school is vital as it is not only an opportunity to add value to your local community and ensure school curriculum and policies are aligned with wider business needs, but also to gain leadership skills – particularly around strategy, finance and decision making. With a national shortage of Governors, I highly recommend engagement and uptake, even if you are not a parent, as we are always looking for professional skills that aren't naturally found in schools.

