

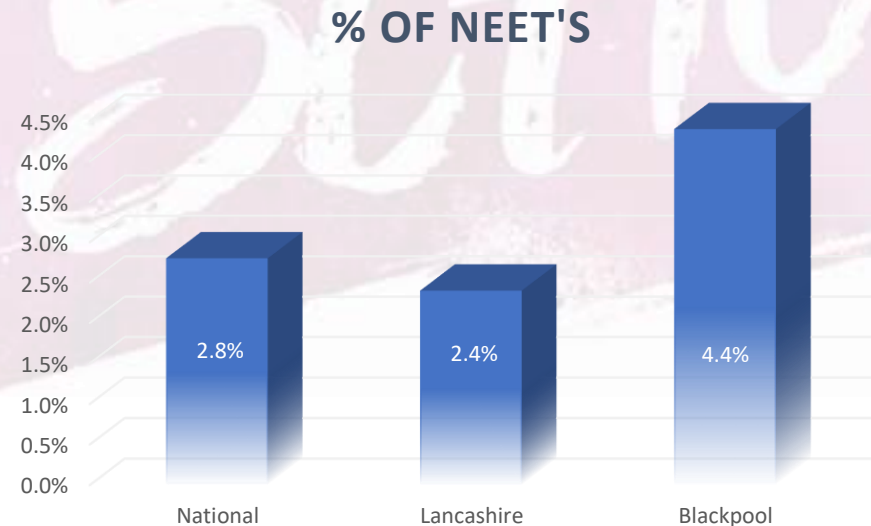
FRIEND FOR SCHOOL

"History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children"

Nelson Mandela

The Question...

**Would you like to:
Inspire local children from within your business?
and
Help reduce the number of future NEET's in Blackpool?**



The Story...

- 2018 I had a dream of work based mentoring for local children
- Making it reality with:
 - Blackpool Council
 - Blackpool Headstart
 - Blackpool Teaching School Alliance
- Recruited 12 volunteers from Merlin Blackpool
- Training began in 2020
- August 2021 first meeting
- Last week we celebrated our first year of friendship



The Commitment...

- Mentoring a child in year 4 - 6 to help prepare them for and transition to secondary education.
- Further mentoring through years 7 – 11 with meaningful work based engagement.
- Minimum 6 meetings per year
- Volunteers will receive training
- Each child will be matched with a mentor by the respective school and the Friend for School team.

The Plea...

**Make a pledge today and
help change the future
for a local child**



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Everyone on Board: Increasing diversity in School Governance



- Opportunities exist at trust and local levels according to expertise.
- Ciara Gregson
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