**An invitation to a free event from Vicky Beer, the Regional Schools Commissioner for Lancashire and West Yorkshire**

***Special Schools: The Road Ahead*  
Wednesday September 21 2016, White Bridge College, Dukinfield, 1pm-4.30pm**

**Please click** [**here**](https://goo.gl/forms/x3QAaafenm0aWu312) **to register for this event**

Dear colleague,

I would like to invite you to *Special Schools: The Road Ahead*, a free event for special schools. This event will provide information about the government’s plans for SEND reform, and will discuss how the academies programme relates to special schools. There will also be talks from the Teaching Schools Council and the North West SEND Regional Network.

**Who is this event for?**

* All special schools in the [Lancashire and West Yorkshire](https://www.gov.uk/government/people/vicky-beer#current-roles) region
* Local Authorities
* Multi-academy trusts and sponsors in the [Lancashire and West Yorkshire](https://www.gov.uk/government/people/vicky-beer#current-roles) region

**Where and when?**

The event will take place on **September 21** at White Bridge College, Globe Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 4UJ. The event will take place from **1pm-4.30pm**. Please click [here](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/White+Bridge+College/@53.468814,-2.0953544,17z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xda3274eab2012708!8m2!3d53.4691713!4d-2.0954791) for the school’s location on Google Maps.

**Speakers will include**:

* Vicky Beer CBE: Regional Schools Commissioner for Lancashire and West Yorkshire
* André Imich: SEND Professional Adviser – Department for Education
* Practitioners from special schools in multi-academy trusts
* Representatives from the Teaching Schools Council and the North West SEND Regional Network

**How do I register?**

You can register for the event by filling in the form [**here**](https://goo.gl/forms/x3QAaafenm0aWu312).

Kind regards,

**Vicky Beer  C.B.E**

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