

Joel McIlven bio

I have worked in education for almost 20 years, in a great variety of roles and settings, predominantly in the secondary and special needs sectors in London, where I was previously headteacher of an independent special school. I completed a Masters degree at New York University, focusing on Hip Hop Education.

Having grown up in Totnes, I recently moved back to the town. I have taken on a leadership position at a local special school and my eldest child now attends The Grove School. I am passionate about pedagogy and the way children learn, and am committed to making schools exciting and nurturing places have all young people to be part of.