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Tony Nicholson is Executive Principal at Hodgson Academy and additionally, through FCAT, is Executive Principal of Blackpool Aspire Academy and Deputy CEO of the Fylde Coast Academy Trust.

Tony has a long track record of effective school to school support work. Under Tony's leadership Hodgson Academy held a specialism for the Raising Achievement Partnership Programme (RAPP then LEPP) and Hodgson Academy was designated a SSAT Advanced Consultant School. Tony has also worked for Lancashire LA as a School Improvement Partner and for National Strategies as a National Challenge Adviser. In those roles, schools Tony worked with demonstrated significant improvements in outcomes. Tony has worked as an Additional Ofsted Inspector since 2013.

Tony is a National Leader of Education and, in partnership with Felicity Greeves, oversees the running of the Fylde Coast Teaching School. In 2013/14 Tony managed and led the highly complex merger of two predecessor schools into the new Aspire Academy which opened under FCAT in September 2014. The success and efficiency of the merger process was highly praised by the allocated DfE adviser.