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Interim Finance Director – Early Years / Childcare Group

Description

Location: Greater Manchester | **Contract type:** Interim | **Sector:** Early Years / Childcare Services

The Opportunity

We are working on a confidential and exclusive basis with a fast-growing SME operating in the early years and childcare sector, based in Greater Manchester. As the business enters its next phase of growth, our client is seeking an experienced **Interim Finance Director** to join at short notice and provide strong financial leadership to the board.

This is a hands-on, high-impact role for a finance leader who can combine strategic input with day-to-day rigour — someone equally comfortable presenting to the board as they are strengthening the systems and controls underneath.

Responsibilities

The Role

Reporting directly to the board, the Interim FD will take ownership of the finance function during a period of change and growth, including:

- Overseeing financial performance, reporting and forecasting across the group
- Strengthening financial controls, systems and processes to support scalable growth
- Providing strategic and commercial input to support board-level decision-making
- Managing relationships with key external stakeholders, including banks, auditors and advisors
- Bringing rigour to funding and revenue recognition in a regulated, multi-site operating environment
- Supporting cost control and margin management across a staffing-intensive cost base
- Laying the financial foundations — reporting, KPIs, governance — needed for continued expansion

Qualifications

About You

- A qualified accountant (ACA, ACCA, CIMA or equivalent) with significant PQE at FD or senior finance leader level
- Proven interim experience, able to add value quickly and operate independently from day one

Hiring organization
FD Capital

Employment Type
Temporary

Beginning of employment
14th Sept 26

Duration of employment
3-6 months

Industry
Education

Job Location
Manchester, Lancashire, United Kingdom

Working Hours
9-5

Date posted
August 28, 2026

Valid through
13.09.2026

- Experience in a multi-site, regulated, or people/services-intensive business is highly advantageous
- Strong track record of building financial controls and infrastructure in a growing SME
- Confident operating at board level and managing external stakeholder relationships
- Available at short notice

Job Benefits

The Offer

This is an interim engagement with a day-rate arrangement, reflecting the scope, seniority and urgency of the assignment. Full details, including rate and duration, will be discussed with shortlisted candidates directly.

Confidentiality

Given the sensitivity of this appointment, the identity of the client will only be disclosed to candidates progressing to interview stage. All applications and enquiries will be handled in the strictest confidence.