



# Downs View

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Dear Parents & Carers,

## **School/College Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a school governor at Downs View. If you have enthusiasm, an interest in the welfare of children and a willingness to learn, then we would like to hear from you!

The Downs View governing body is responsible for the Hollingdean, Woodingdean and Link College sites and the governors' role is to work with the Headteacher and senior leadership team in raising school standards.

We welcome applications from all walks of life, you can be staff, a parent, co-opted, or from the local authority and you don't need to have a pupil in the school. Many people find being a governor a very rewarding thing to do, you meet new people, develop teamwork skills and learn more about how a school works. You can also gain experience in a variety of different areas, such as budget setting, interviewing, developing policies and sitting on appeal panels. For example, our governors have recently been involved in the campaigns around the Woodingdean building and the Hollingdean/Woodingdean merger.

If you have a particular expertise, then we would gladly put your skills to good use!

Other governor duties include:

- Setting policies & objectives
- Approving the school budget
- Appointing & supporting the Headteacher
- Contribute to discussions
- Supporting the Headteacher



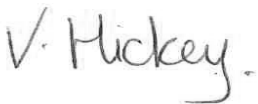
The time commitment can vary between governors and schools, but governors can be expected to spend around six to eight hours per month on their duties. Governing bodies usually meet once or twice a term and there are also committee meetings to attend such as curriculum, personnel, premises or finance.

As a governor you will be expected to attend some meetings during the school day and ideally you would be keen to take an active role in projects or specific sub groups. Also, as a school governor you will be expected to attend training courses from time to time.

Many of our governors have said that they have gained valuable experiences from working with us. Chris Girvan, our chair of governors, said *'Think about the positive impact you can bring to these children's lives and also think about your own development and your own understanding as well because it broadens your horizons in so many ways. There is nothing greater than to see these happy students in their everyday environment and then thinking you've had some part to play in that'*.

If you would like some more information or if you are interested in applying, please contact Eric Mayne, Clerk to the Governors on [ericmayne@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:ericmayne@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Hickey". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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