



Downs View

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Downs View Parent/Carer Council

I am contacting you to ask for volunteers to join the Downs View parent/carer council. This is not something that we currently have at Downs View but I believe it would be incredibly useful, particularly at the moment where sharing information is crucial. It is also a key time for the school as we move towards the geographical merger of the school sites.

The Parent/Carer council helps to create an environment where all parents know that their views matter, and where they feel confident and comfortable putting them forward. They work on behalf of all parents to discuss educational matters that are of importance to all. They do not get involved in individual matters relating to children or staff in the school.

The Downs View parent/carer council would be for the Downs View school and Link College sites. All parents and carers are welcome to attend as everyone brings something different and variety is what is needed to make it work. Please see below some further details on the requirements of the parent/carer council:

- To work in partnership with the school to decide on the key priorities to take forward
- To provide a voice for parents in school/college.
- To improve the school/college's understanding of how to engage parents in their children's learning and in the life of the school/college
- To support the school/college to develop strong home/school partnerships
- To support improvement by discussing the school/college's strengths and areas for development from a parental perspective.
- To capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents can offer

As a member of the Downs View parent/carer council there would be a requirement to attend some meetings these would be in school hours and around once a month. Currently these will be held virtually but I hope that in the future we will be able to welcome parents back on site.

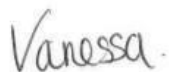


The Downs View parent/carer council will provide you with an opportunity to become involved in the life and work of your child's school/college. Your time and contribution would be much appreciated.

If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Samantha Hendy via email on samanthahendy@downsview.brighton-hove.sch.uk by Friday 20th November.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa".

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