



Co-opted Governor Opportunity

Downs Junior School, a popular and lively establishment, presently one of the largest junior schools in Brighton & Hove with just over 500 pupils aged between seven and 11. We are situated close to Blakers Park in the vibrant Fiveways area of Brighton. The children are organised into 16 mixed ability classes with four classes per year group. Each year group contains up to 128 pupils, with a maximum of 32 pupils per class.

Our late Victorian school, built in the 1890s, is now a Grade 2 listed property. A great deal of thought has gone into keeping its best features whilst providing up to date, educational facilities for both staff and pupils. All classrooms are provided with the latest whiteboard technology and we are currently nearly through a programme of classroom refurbishment. Disability access is available on different levels, with the present exception of the first floor.

The governing body is seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join an effective, cohesive team of people to hold the school to account, to shape the vision of the school and to set the strategic direction.

Although governors are volunteers, excellent support and development opportunities are provided through an induction process and full programme of training, both face-to-face and online to suit individual needs. There are also opportunities to work alongside experienced governors and to take on a responsibility for an area of the school improvement plan. We don't expect you to be an expert in education and welcome governors from all walks of life to bring different perspectives and views. You just need to be committed to supporting our school community and the educational outcomes of our pupils. As the governing body wants to be an active partner with the school, we are keen to recruit governors with the time/flexibility to be involved in the school, sometimes during the school day. We welcome expressions of interest from all parts of our community and actively seek to reflect the social and cultural diversity of our pupil intake in our staff.

All expressions of interest can be submitted using the proforma provided following which you will be invited to meet informally with a governor and the headteacher or his deputy to discuss the role in more detail.

Please forward your expression of interest by email to: teresadee@varndean.co.uk or by post to: Clerk to Governors, c/o Downs Junior School, Rugby Road, BN1 6ED

Downs Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All governors will be subject to an enhanced DBS check prior to appointment.

Expression of interest in being a Co-opted Governor

Co-opted governors are appointed to the Full Governing Body of Downs Junior School following recommendations from the chair of governors and the headteacher.

Informal meetings are held with suitable candidates to discuss the role further and to answer any questions before formal application for appointment to be agreed at the next Full Governing Body meeting.

Title:	Full Name:
Any Previous Names:	Occupation:
Home Address (including post code)	Work Address: (where appropriate please include company name and post code. This is for information only, we will not contact your employer)
Email address:	
Home Telephone Number:	Mobile Telephone Number:

Current Governorships or Trustee Positions	
Previous Governorship or Trustee Positions	
Please tell us about what excites you about the opportunity of being a Governor at Downs Junior School and what you think you can offer to support school improvement.	