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We're looking for a very special someone.....

Have you ever thought of volunteering your time to undertake the role of a school governor....?

Who are we...? Fairlight Primary and Nursery School is a large inner city school situated in the Lewes Road area of the city. The school has been on the same site since 1876. The school is a 'maintained' school (Brighton & Hove City Council) and has 420 children 'on-roll' and a team of around 80 staff (teaching and support). The school's senior leadership team consists of a headteacher and three assistant headteachers. Our last OfSTED inspection rated Fairlight as a 'Good' school, across all areas of inspection.

Our physical location in Brighton is representative of our diverse community which includes higher than national average numbers of pupils from minority ethnic backgrounds, pupils who are learning English as an additional language, pupils eligible for 'pupil premium' and pupils subject to additional interventions in both educational and social areas. Our staff team reflects the wonderful diversity of the local community and includes talented, experienced and newly qualified staff. The school also acts as a 'training hub' for those undertaking teacher training courses at the University of Sussex. We are extremely proud of our school vision...'***every individual child achieves...***'.

The school's governing board, made up of 14 governors, is responsible for the overall strategic direction of the school and the service it provides. The Board sets and approves an annual budget of £1.7m and has responsibilities for some staffing matters, including the recruitment of a headteacher.

Who will you be.....? We are losing two governors through retirement this September and are hoping to replace them without delay (absolutely no previous governor experience is required as full and comprehensive training is available). The term of office for all governors is set at four years and there is the opportunity to apply for re-appointment for further terms of office. For one of the vacancies **we are particularly keen to hear from you if you have experience in a finance setting**. The finance governor has responsibility for supporting the governing body in its financial management role, which includes acting as a 'critical friend' to the headteacher with budget monitoring/forecasting updates throughout the financial year.

You will be expected to attend the full Board of Governors meeting every month (held at the school from 6.00pm – 8.30pm) and provide 'end-of-year' reports to the Board. You will be fully supported by the council's Governor Support Team and will be guided/advised by the Clerk to Governors. We also offer relevant and up-to-date training for all governors throughout their term of office.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community but particularly encourage applicants from the BAME community as this group is currently under-represented on the Board. These two appointments will be subject to a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check and the costs will be met by the Board. Fairlight Primary & Nursery School is committed to the principals of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this absolute commitment.

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For more information about Fairlight Primary School please take a look at our website (link below). If you are interested in our governor vacancies and want to know more please email me with a brief outline describing the experience you can bring to these roles.

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