

# Summerlea Community Primary School



## Co-opted Governor required

### Introduction:

Summerlea Community Primary School is a successful, larger than average, primary school in the coastal village of Rustington, West Sussex. Our last OFSTED result in 2015 was Good. We are proud of our pupils and their achievements and the pupils' behaviour is regularly mentioned as a real highlight of the school. Summerlea is regularly over-subscribed and 60% of our pupils live outside of the catchment area, which is another testament to our school's success and good reputation.

### What we are looking for:

We are looking for a new member to join our Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor who would be committed to developing and supporting the senior leadership team to improve our school, be responsible for supporting and challenging the senior leadership team, and who can help us to further develop strong links with the local community.

Co-opted Governors are appointed on the basis of the skills they can offer. We are currently looking for an experienced fundraiser and/or bid writer to join our team.

With constricting budgets, the governors are looking for someone who works, or has worked, in a fundraising capacity who can bring their expertise to our team. As such, the successful candidate will have relevant experience in fundraising and/or bid writing.

However, the need for other skills to complement and enhance those of the existing Governing Body emerge from time to time, and expressions of interest are more generally invited as we will hold details on file in the event that further vacancies arise.

### What we would expect from you:

In addition to the statutory duties of governors, which are briefly set out in the Application Pack, we would like to ask for your time and your commitment. Being a governor is an unpaid position but it is an incredibly worthwhile role and is valued and appreciated by the school, its staff, the pupils and other stakeholders, such as parents, carers and the wider community. There is certainly much reward in assisting the school deliver a high quality education to the children of Summerlea and in promoting their welfare.

We have also summarised what we feel are the key benefits of becoming a governor in the Application Pack, along with a series of Frequently Asked Questions.

The commitment we expect from our Governing Body involves up to twelve meetings a year plus a variable number of visits to the school to explore specific issues and report back to fellow governors. We also like to invite the Governing Body to attend school events, such as school trips, assemblies or performances. The successful candidate will be appointed for a four year term.

### Process for applications:

Application packs: from Nicola Moore (Clerk), or from our website

Closing date for the current round of applications is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 with informal interviews taking place at the beginning of the summer term.

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