



BROOKVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Brookvale Advocate Vacancies

We hope this letter finds you well. As this academic year has now started in earnest, we wanted to ensure that you're all aware of how our school is governed and extend an invitation for some of you to become actively involved in shaping the future of our school through joining the local governance network within the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership (ATLP) in a school advocate role.

Each school within the ATLP family benefits from the support of four dedicated advocate roles that work closely with one another and with school leaders to ensure our pupils receive the best possible education and care. These advocates also meet with their counterparts from other schools and with trustees on a termly basis to provide oversight and strategic direction.

We currently have vacancies for some of these crucial advocate roles at Brookvale and are reaching out to our parent community to fill these positions. The roles available are:

Vulnerable Children Advocate: This role is suited for individuals with professional backgrounds or experience working with or caring for children who have experienced disadvantage, including children in or previously in care, and those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Support and Challenge (Leadership Support) Advocate: This advocate provides essential support to school leadership while also challenging them to strive for continuous improvement and excellence in all areas.

Community Advocate: This role aims to strengthen the relationship between the school and the wider community, fostering a sense of collaboration and mutual support.

We believe we have recently successfully recruited to the **Safeguarding Advocate Role:** This role focuses on ensuring that our safeguarding policies and practices are effective and that our children are protected and supported at all times.

Training for all roles will be provided, what's most important is your willingness to commit time, energy and care towards the school community. Advocates are appointed for a term of 4 years and work closely with the school leadership to advance the opportunities for pupils and their schools and help ensure the school is as strong as it can be.

The roles require a time commitment of approximately 30-40 hours per year, broken down into meeting attendance, preparation, email/telephone communications and training. This also includes occasional requests for advocates to sit on complaints or exclusion panels as neutral third parties as part of the trust-wide governance network.

If you are passionate about contributing to the strategic direction and oversight of our school and believe you have the skills and experience to excel in one of these roles, we would love to hear from you. Your involvement can make a significant difference in the educational experience of all our pupils.

Please let us know if you are interested in applying for one of these positions through contacting the school office. We can arrange a meeting between yourself and either Mr Day or myself to discuss further. The governance handbook is available on the trust's website which also includes more information about governance at ATLP. We look forward to working with dedicated individuals who share our commitment to providing a supportive and enriching environment for our pupils.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute further to our school community.

Kind Regards

Dr Beth Clarke

Headteacher

