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Dear Parents

Please see the following request from Laura Topliss, Clerk to the West Sussex Independent Admission Appeal Panel:

Volunteers wanted for School Admission Appeals and Independent Review Panels

Are you a current or recently retired headteacher, a serving governor, a parent, a grandparent or just interested in education, or do you know someone who might be? West Sussex County Council would love to hear from you. We need new Independent Panel Members to hear school admission appeals. Your role is key to ensure that parents feel they have had a fair and independent hearing and been given every opportunity to put their case and that the points they have made have been taken seriously and carefully considered by an independent panel. This is an important role ensuring that all school admission appeals are transparent, independent and impartial. Full training will be given by our Legal Services Team and all volunteers will be paid travel expenses. If you are interested and would like more information, please email appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk with your details and we will get in touch.

Yours sincerely

LAURA TOPLISS

Clerk to the Independent Admission Appeal Panel