

# Chair of Trustees

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The Paddy Holmes Foundation is a new charity that aims to raise money for funding transformational bursaries and funded scholarships. Children who would otherwise not be able to attend an independent school will benefit from a Ditcham Park School education and develop into confident young people who go out into the world with the skills and desire to improve it.

## **Ditcham Park School today**

We are a co-educational independent day school for children aged rising 3 to 16. Situated near Petersfield in the South Downs National Park on a stunning site with spectacular views of the rolling Hampshire hills and south across the Solent to the Isle of Wight we provide a wonderful environment for a child to flourish.

We believe a child learns best and develops self-esteem when they are encouraged in a caring and supportive environment. Our school's relatively small size creates a genuinely friendly, nurturing environment where 'every child is known and valued'.

## **Transformational Bursaries**

A transformational bursary award has the potential to be life changing for the recipient, equating to at least 100% fee remission, but in some cases, recipients will be offered the complete Ditcham experience. This includes uniform, Chromebook, and extra-curricular enrichment, including school trips. Our extensive pastoral support programme is designed to provide help and guidance from the point of application and throughout the years that follow.

## **Responsibilities**

We are currently looking for a dynamic, creative and inspiring Chair of Trustees who can bring their energy and expertise to the organisation.

We are particularly keen to recruit a Chair who is experienced in the following areas:

- Previous experience in another small Charity
- Excellent knowledge and understanding of Charity governance
- Knowledge of fundraising, financial management, or legal matters is desirable but not essential
- An understanding of the independent school sector
- Experience in bid writing

## **Qualifications and Experience**

The Chair must have:

- Time to attend regular board meetings (once a quarter) and participate in committee work or working groups as needed
- A commitment to our organisation and its objectives
- Ability to think strategically, analyse complex issues, and make informed decisions
- Independent judgement
- An ability to think creatively
- An understanding of legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship
- A willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to their duties as a Trustee

This is an exciting time for Ditcham Park School as we develop and expand our offer and explore opportunities to identify and support exceptional young children in the Petersfield area, regardless of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or financial means.