



**Oliver Lewis - Appointed Governor**

**How long have you been on the governing Body and what is your role?**

I joined the governing body of Fairchildes in September 2016. I am really excited to be part of a great organisation that provides outstanding education and opportunities for children in New Addington.

**Why did you become a Governor at Fairchildes?**

I am a Councillor for New Addington and am keen to see that all children who grow up locally have the best education and opportunities.

**Did you go to Fairchildes Primary yourself when you were a child?**

I grew up in and have lived in Croydon all my life. I went to Benson Primary School and enjoyed my time there. I played in the football team and remember playing against Good Shepherd, but I'm not sure if we ever had a fixture against Fairchildes.

**What is your favourite thing about Fairchildes?**

I think Fairchildes is a fantastic community to be part of. Aside from the excellent education the school provides, it is one of the most welcoming places that I visit. Part of that welcome comes from the creativity that is evident here – whether it is the music and dance, the meals provided in the canteen with vegetables grown from the garden or one of the other wonderful activities – there is so much going on and to be proud of here at Fairchildes.

**Is there anything you would change about the school?**

Whilst there are many things to be proud of here at Fairchildes, I think that I would change the parking at drop off and pick up times. This is something that I have been working with the school and council to develop solutions to improve safety for pupils.

**What do you do when you're not helping our school as a Governor?**

I am a councillor for New Addington on Croydon Council. This involves representing residents to the authority and ensuring New Addington gets what it deserves. I also work as a management consultant – helping local councils to improve the services they deliver to residents. I want to see all Children get the best start in life so I am also a governor next door at Meridian High and on the management board of a local youth counselling charity – Croydon Drop In. In my small amounts of spare time I enjoy my sport, particularly football, spending time with family and being active in my church community.