

Statement about the appointment of a Principal for Falmer Academy

The Appointment Panel for the Principal of the Falmer Academy met on 13 March and decided unanimously not to appoint from the candidates who were interviewed. This was the conclusion of a rigorous two day process involving a wide range of stakeholders. The final Appointment Panel consisted of the Sponsor, two Academy Trustees along with an Assistant Director of Children's Services and was attended by a DCSF education adviser.

Rod Aldridge, Sponsor, said "We are looking for an outstanding candidate with the skills and experience to lead the transformational change that is necessary.

The Academy represents a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to improve the lives of the young people of the catchment area and the community itself. This appointment is therefore vital and we will continue our search until we find the right person.

This process will resume immediately and it is still expected that the Principal Designate will be in place by September 2009".

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