



Aim of the Friends

The Friends is a voluntary organisation whose primary objective is to help advance the education and enjoyment of the pupils in the school. It does this mainly by raising money to help the school purchase facilities which are not provided through statutory funding. The Friends committee retains membership of the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations and holds a charity status (Reg. Charity No. 1007789).

What does being a "Friend" involve?

Mainly having fun and raising money! There are lots of ways you can help and support your children through the Friends. Offering to help before events or at other times during the year is so valuable. It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis, or even if you can't come into school. There are always jobs that can be done from home if you have half an hour to spare e.g. wrapping gifts, preparing raffle tickets etc. We really couldn't achieve what we do without the behind the scenes help that we receive.

You might feel you could not take on a major role like Secretary or Treasurer but have you thought of all the skills you have - just 10 minutes of one of those skills could be invaluable at an event, or your contacts within the community that could assist at an event or offer fundraising/donation opportunities for your Friends.

If you would like to be more involved you can become a committee member or a volunteer, maybe attend and support the AGM - this is your chance to give us your ideas for fundraising events and is also the time to ask questions or voice your opinion.

What don't the Friends do?

The Friends are not like other Fundraising committees you may have been involved with. We do not employ staff, so there are no responsibilities such as HR duties to worry about. We do not have any personal financial commitments or contracts that we are tied into, to deliver events or services. The Friends is purely a voluntary group, with no personal risk.

How we raise money

Our funds are raised through events that we run but some is raised through non-event fundraising, such as Christmas cards, globe trot hoodies and web based commission such as Spend and Raise. In addition donations from parents are extremely important. You can donate time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes or offers of services and skills.

As our Friends is a registered charity, we are able to raise money through the company matched giving scheme. If you think that your employer has a matched giving scheme already in operation, or if you would like some more information about charity matched giving or setting up a scheme in your workplace, please talk to one of the Friend, or ask in the school office.

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Who are the Friends

All families are automatically members of the Friends of FCCE when their child joins our school. All parents and members of the school and wider community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available.

We are fortunate at our school that the Friends are and has been an integral part of the school community for many years. In its time the Friends have raised tens of thousands of pounds, which have been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's education experience and the school's facilities.

Our Friends committee consists of three Officers: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary/ Publications officer. We also have a number of ordinary committee members to make up the full committee. In addition we have a growing list of volunteers who are not on the committee but are happy to be called upon to help at events.

If you are interested in joining the committee or becoming a volunteer, please do not hesitate to talk to any member of the Committee.

Every little helps so just one hour assisting at an event is invaluable.

The 2018/19 Friends committee:

Chairman	Helen Harding-Bentley
Treasurer	Helen Tucker
Secretary	Helen Harding-Bentley/Committee members

During 2019 the Friends raised a valuable £15,000 – let's work together to raise amazing funds this year

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