

Trustees' Report for Friends of Harborton

Address: Harborton Park, Belfast, BT9 6TX

Northern Ireland Charity Number:100215

Report for the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Friends of Harborton was set up to support pupils of Harborton Special School aged 3 - 16. It is our aim to advance the education of the pupils in Harborton School and Outreach Services and in particular to:

- i) Provide appropriate play, education, and care facilities for children of primary school age with special educational needs who attend Harborton School and Outreach Services.
- ii) Provide and assist in the provision of services for children of primary and post primary school age with special educational needs who attend Harborton School and Outreach Services, that enables the development of skills in communication, reasoning, aesthetic appreciation, and environmental awareness.
- iii) Provide and assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of education, social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the quality of life for the parents and their children with special educational needs who attend Harborton School and Outreach Services.
- iv) Promote all or any purposes for the benefit of the children with special educational needs in the area of benefit, which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable under the law of Northern Ireland.

The committee believe that the fundraising efforts and the contribution made to Harborton Special School by Friends of Harborton have met all these objectives.

Friends of Harborton is governed by a constitution, formally registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 28 May 2014. The constitution

follows the Model Constitution for Parent-Teacher Associations in Northern Ireland.

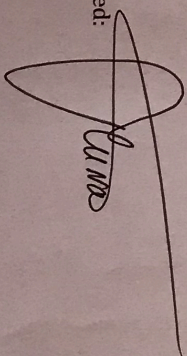
Total fundraising in 2022-23 amounted to £3,950. This money helped to fund the set-up of an extended school initiation: Hair at Harborton. Many children do not enjoy trips to the hairdressers; however, it can be particularly stressful for children with additional learning needs. Hair at Harborton offers hair cut appointments during school hours, in a relaxed and familiar setting. Friends of Harborton were also able to support other projects including virtual reality and Jump, jiggle and jive classroom sessions, leavers hoodies, resources in both North and South Campuses, sports day medals and a Life Skills room along with the annual running costs of the school minibus and care of Millie, the Harborton School Therapy dog. Looking forward to 2023-24, with covid 19 restrictions well and truly behind us, Friends of Harborton will aim to expand the committee to include members of family and friends of Harborton pupils. This will provide opportunities to extend fundraising beyond the school gate and help pay for additional projects to further enhance the education of our children.

The committee have reviewed the financial position of Friends of Harborton and are satisfied with the current position going forward into the year 2022-23. There were no material deficits or shortfalls in any account held by Friends of Harborton.

Trustees

Rosemary Mack	Rachel Briggs
James Curran (Chairman)	Orla McAllister
Pauline McGuigan	Kathryn Fyfe

Signed:



Dated: 2 November 2023