

# GUYS FREE SCHOOL BALLYMENA

## TRUSTEES' REPORT for 2023

**Ref. NIC 101922**

During 2023 we have distributed financial assistance to 28 families of 55 children, who struggle to meet the demands required to educate their child/ children. Two payments were made, Summer and Winter, so that payments received can be used to augment limited incomes. Those helped included one or both parents who are unemployed, guardians and single parent families. The amount allocated is limited by our income from Department of Finance, Central Fund for Charities and low interest received from investments in Building Societies. Allocations were restricted to the Parish of Kirkinriola, Ballymena.

Parents and guardians use the grant to buy various items, which include, school uniforms, IT equipment, sports gear, music lessons and books. Other uses include helping with school fees.

Feedback from parents indicated that the grants were very much appreciated in that they helped to pay for unforeseen overheads which occurred during the school year. One aspect which was highlighted by parents was:-

a) Provided encouragement to children and parents in that they appreciated that someone was supporting them during such difficult economic times.

Signed Eileen W. Daulton (Chairman)

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