

Annual Trustees Report for the year ended 31 October 2022

Friends of St Patricks Primary School, Drumgreenagh

Charity Address: 40 Longstone Hill, Rathfriland, Co Down, BT34 5BT

Friends of St Patrick's is a charity that is run by a committee elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. The committee currently consists of a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. The three elected members are also Trustees of the charity. Other members help with the practical arrangements of the charity. All trustees and volunteers give their time freely and no remuneration or other benefits are received. The committee works in very close connection with the Principal and staff.

We are registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for NI : **Charity Number 102606**

Trustees as at 31 October 2022

- Francine Tinnelly
- Brighdin McAleenan
- Gail Mooney
- Nuala Fitzgibbon
- Geraldine O'Hagan
- Ciara Killen
- Leeanne McQuaid
- Siobhan Fegan
- Milly Gawley
- Mary Meehan
- Anne-Therese Quinn
- Patricia Eccles
- Eimear Mc Geown
- Declan Keenan
- Marie Burke

Overall, we are a fundraising organisation but an important part of our role is also strengthening and encouraging the home/school relationship, where teachers and parents work together to support and enhance the education of our children.

Constitution

Our governing document is the constitution which was adopted on 25 November 2014 .

Objectives and Purpose

The purpose of the Friends group is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by:

- Improved relationships between home and school

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes funding for additional resources for the school and links built with the local community.

This is demonstrated through having an active PTA that works in partnership with the school and engages parental support.

This purpose does not lead to harm.

The benefit is for children at St Patrick’s Primary school.

Charity trustees (PTA committee members) are also parents at the school which their children attend and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries.

- Advancing the education of pupils in the school

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes increased educational progress and attainment of pupils in the school and links built with the local community.

This is demonstrated through pupils having access to resources, events, activities and links with the local community which are not available through direct school funding.

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The committee and members meet during the year to manage the affairs of the Friends group and to discuss and organise fundraising events.

The trustees have had regard to the Commission’s Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Activities, Achievements and Outcomes in 2022

Our fundraising activities included the following

Ongoing fundraising through EasyFundraising
Sponsored walk
Tea/coffee morning
Christmas Hamper Raffle

The Friends Group contributed to afterschools classes, GAAA coaching, a first aid class for the pupils and Primary 7 leavers hoodies and purchased ice cream refreshments during the school sports day.

Bank Fees include a charge which we continue to pay and we continue with our membership of the PTA UK and find this is a necessary outgoing for insurance purpose and advice.

-There was £5080 in the bank at the year end.

Future Plans

The Friends group would like to revisit our fundraising aims and objectives in light of the covid19 pandemic and in collaboration with the school organise activities as suitable. We would like to build on the success of the after schools activities and continue to try and fund a range of activities to suit the interests of all pupils, their families and the wider community.

The Friends group would also like to contribute to enhancements to the school grounds and money in the bank at the year end will go towards outdoor storage and equipment.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to all members of the group, all school staff and all parents who continue to contribute and support their fundraising attempts. It is very much appreciated.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Name	Brighdin Mc Aleenan
Position	Chair person
Date	14/6/23