

Trustees' Report for Friends of Parkview

Address: 2 Brokerstown Road, Lisburn, BT28 2EE

Northern Ireland Charity Number: 103334

Report for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Friends of Parkview was set up to support pupils of Parkview Special School aged 4 – 19. It is our aim to advance the education and development of all children by supporting the staff with the appropriate resources to encourage increased independence and self-esteem.

Friends of Parkview also aims to develop relationships with both adults and peers in order to help the pupils to gain social interaction skills and to encourage and foster a life long love of learning.

Friends of Parkview are governed by a constitution, agreed by committee on 19 November 2014. The constitution follows the Model Constitution for Parent-Teacher Associations in Northern Ireland.

Main Expenditure was restricted to covering the costs of the Minibus Insurance, Servicing and Maintenance, plus, with the help of The McClay Foundation, financing the Summer Scheme - so our outlays were kept down.

Our Main Project, over the last couple of years, was to complete our provision of two Forest Schools within the grounds of the School. One Junior and one Senior. This project, which is now completed, will need ongoing support to maintain.

We have continued to focus on mental health and well-being for both pupils and staff and this will be an ongoing focus for the next year.

Total amount raised by Friends of Parkview £ 68,469-

The public benefit statement of Friends of Parkview is to improve relations between home, school and community and to advance the education of the pupils within the school. The committee believes that the fundraising efforts and the projects funded by Friends of Parkview have met these objectives. The committee has reviewed the financial position of Friends of Parkview and is satisfied with the current position going forward into the year 2023 - 2024. There were no material deficits or shortfalls in any account held by Friends of Parkview.

Trustees Chair – Jillian McGarry

Vice Chair – Karen Ryan

Treasurer – Stephanie McVeigh

Vice Treasurer – Herby Dougherty

Secretary – Sharon Robinson

Vice Secretary – Nicole Forrest