

Trustee Report for Friends of Derrymore

This report relates to 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Friends of Derrymore 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 (also a Trustee) and staff.

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.

Summary of the charity's main activities/achievements

- *Leavers event June 2022*
- *The AGM on 8th November 2022.*
- *Christmas Disco*
- *Free Christmas Raffle for pupils*

Discussion and ideas for further events to help with the following were discussed:

- *Possibility of helping to buy licences for Reading Eggs, Maths Seeds and Athletics. We believe that access to these learning resources will greatly benefit all pupils both in school and at home.*
- *Possible fundraising to help offset the cost of weekly Bee Active sessions.*
- *C2K currently oversee and provide a secure network and hardware to our school. They have informed us that we will be losing a number of our PCs and laptops. The ICT room in school is a vital resource which provides pupils with the opportunity to develop essential skills. Fundraising ideas to raise money to replace these machines in the computer room.*

Due to unforeseen circumstances (a bereavement), in the period from December 2022 to March 23 no further events were arranged.

Future Plans

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 group would also like to contribute to enhancements to vital ICT equipment, ipads and PCs.

The school needs to update Literacy resources, it is the group's intention to assist with fundraising to help purchase these.

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.

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

Name of Charity: Friends of Derrymore**NIC:** 107555**Address:**

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Gawley's Gate
Craigavon
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Names of Trustees:

- Caitriona McAtarsney
- Patricia McCullagh
- Avni McCarron

How the charity is constituted and its governing document

The charity was registered on 6/7/2020. Its governing document is the Friends of Derrymore Constitution. This was revisited and adopted by the group at its AGM on 8/11/22.

A summary description of the purposes of the charity

To advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school.
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of pupils.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Name Caitriona McAtarsney

Date 24/1/2024

Signature of Trustee: *Caitriona McAtarsney*