

Friends of the Spinney

Articles of Association

Aims

1. To raise money to provide resources and fund activities for all children throughout the school.
2. To organise fund-generating and non-fund-generating extra-curricular events for children and / or parents and carers.

Who we are

We are a registered charity. We are a group of interested parents and carers of children of the Spinney. The head teacher (or a nominated deputy) is invited to attend meetings in an ex officio capacity to provide a necessary link between the school and the Friends. All parents and carers of current Spinney children are welcome to attend Friends' meetings.

The Committee

The committee comprises four officials: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary; and as many other parents and carers as wish to attend meetings. The officials will normally serve for 2 years before their position comes up for re-election.

Committee Meetings

Meetings are arranged on an ad hoc basis typically to coincide with planned events. Meetings are considered quorate if at least two officials of the committee are present.

What we do

Historically, we have had a number of annual fund-raising events: Christmas Fair, Summer Fair, fashion show and adults' Quiz Night. We run up to two raffles in the course of the year.

We support a number of non-fund-raising events: children's disco, summer event, Easter egg hunt, Year 6 leaving party.

Which of these events takes place or is supported each year is at the discretion of the committee.

What we need

We are dependent on:

- The goodwill, moral, physical and financial support of parents and carers. Many of the events require considerable planning and support on the day in the form of setting up, running and clearing away.
- The explicit support of the school. Without the support of the head teacher, teaching staff and support staff, many of the events cannot take place at all.

What we are not

We are not a Parent Teachers Association. This means that we do not have any official link with the teaching staff of the school and we are not directed by the school, although we do seek advice and support.