



Exciting Opportunity – FOGS Chair Vacancy

Do you enjoy making things happen? Would you like to make a difference to the development across the Grange Schools for our children? Would you like to shape how we invest the money we raise?

You may well be aware of FOGS. We are a group of volunteer parents and staff here at Grange Infants and Juniors who meet on an informal basis to organise fundraising events for the benefit of our children attending both schools.

Our goal is to ensure that money is raised for the benefit of our children attending both schools.

Examples of how we have invested across the schools over the recent years include the playground development at the Infants with the completion of the amazing enchanted garden and wooden structure in EYFS outdoor area built by Johnny, our carpenter; extra books for all year groups; t-shirts for children when they represent the school at the Wyvern; storage sheds accessible for the children at playtimes; supporting Mrs Ayres with her gardening club; the lower school playground mural representing Stratton; equipment for the breakfast and after school provision; playtime equipment for all years; and most recently contributing to the brand new sensory room that is currently underway.

Juniors have recently developed their outdoor play times with the introduction of the Smooga to contain ball games so the playground is safe and everyone gets a turn; brand new dining tables and comfy chairs for the children at lunch to support eating in a structured environment; maths books and equipment; the launch of Seesaw for home learning; Pokemon cards for a special lunch club; tablets for extra learning groups; sports kits for when the children represent our clubs at mixed school events; and supporting young carers. We are currently discussing their next big spend – so watch this space!

For us to continue to build on this, we need someone to join our team as the Chair/ Vice Chair from September 2021 as our current Chair will sadly be leaving. Without someone taking on this role, we will not be able to continue providing events such as the May Fayre, Family discos, Fireworks and those fun crafty sessions such as making Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts. In short, we cannot have a PTA without a Chair.

The overall role of the Chair is to:

- Provide leadership and set agenda for meetings
- Get to know members of the committee and other interested groups such as staff
- Run meetings in a way that ensures everyone is able to contribute
- Circulate minutes of meetings as prepared by the secretary
- Agree the plan of events for the year and delegate responsibility for managing them.
- Report back to wider parent group on decisions
- Input to financial decisions with other trustees and the wider member community

FOGS relies on parents and teachers giving their own time to help make Grange Infants and Junior Schools a fantastic place for all our children. This is your chance to give something back to make our schools an even better place. If you are interested or know someone who may be, we would love to speak with you during the holidays before the new school year and a fuller role outline can be provided and we'd be happy to have a chat. Please contact the current Chair Ellen on hellofogs@outlook.com or send a message to our FOGS Facebook group.

We would welcome any nominations for the role to be in by **Monday 2nd August** by email as we will need to take an official vote at our AGM in September.

Many thanks for your support.

The FOGS Team