

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

FUSS Update and Request for Support

The Friends of Upton Snodsbury School or FUSS as we are better known, is a Registered Charity whose purpose is to raise funds to support school activities and improvements. Whilst our activities have been limited in the past couple of years, we have still raised funds successfully and provided support for a range of things such as subsidising coach costs for school trips and visits, buying musical instruments, books and forest school waterproofs, gifts for all students from Santa and providing funds for updating outdoor toys and wet play games.

As a Registered Charity, we are required to have Trustees and members to be able to operate. The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are the current Trustees but due to our children changing schools, we will not be able to continue in these roles from September. We are therefore looking for volunteers to take on these roles and keep the great work of FUSS going. The roles and key activities are detailed below, and we are all happy to do a full handover to you. If you would like to know more about any of these positions, please contact any one of us, who will be happy to help.

President – Headteacher (currently Mrs Mayo)

Chair – Chairs meetings and represents the Charity as needed, working closely with the President and completes Annual Return for the Charity Commission (currently Ruth Dawson-Jones)

Treasurer – Manages income and expenditure records, arranges float money for events and does banking activities (currently Rebecca Foxley)

Secretary – Organises meetings, takes minutes and keeps non-financial records up to date (currently Jo Yeates)

Executive Committee Members – Nominated individuals who attend meetings regularly, organising and supporting events as volunteers as required, before or during an event.

Ordinary Members – All students, school employees, governors, parents, guardians and carers as well as interested members of the community who support and attend events and may occasionally help out as a volunteer, before or during an event.

These roles do not require a great time commitment (1 or 2 meetings per term depending on the events calendar and time at events if you choose to do this too) but if the positions are not filled, FUSS will not longer be able to operate.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope to be able to hand over to a new team following the September AGM.

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