



Think 'Friends of Park' is just for other parents?

We hope you will think again...



10 Reasons To Join Friends Of Park

Friends of Park is a recognized group of parents and teachers who work together for the benefit of our school.

Taking an active role in your children's school is critical to their success. We've compiled a list of 10 reasons why joining the Friends of Park will greatly improve your child's education experience.

1. **It's good for your child.** Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school make better grades and have fewer disciplinary problems at school.
2. **It's important to the school.** The parent groups are responsible for almost all of the school's fundraising revenue.
3. **You'll get connected.** There's no better way to know what's going on in the school than to be on the school's parent teacher group.
4. **You'll be part of a network.** You will be connected with a group of parents who share a common goal of improving the school for the children.
5. **You'll make a difference.** Parent groups work to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school. The goal is to create the most educational environment possible for our children.

6. **It's fun!** You will help plan fun events and socials, that the whole family can attend.

7. **You'll be a role model.** You'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well.

8. **You'll help raise necessary funds.** Fundraisers remain important to improving the quality of the school overall, and parent groups make them possible.

9. **It's flexible.** There are a variety of small ways parents can help and be involved in the Friends of Park. Project responsibilities are flexible and can be adjusted to fit with your time constraints.

10. **It's for every parent.** Your voice and ideas can help improve the quality of education for your children and their peers.

Conclusion

You don't have to make the Friends of Park a full time job to make a difference. However, volunteering occasionally and attending school events really matters. Showing your children you value education will teach them to value it as well.





How can you help ?

What have 'Friends of Park' funds bought?

- Fifteen picnic tables
- Five tennis tables
- Gymnastic leotards
- Netball dresses
- Music system
- Dryrobes
- Embroidered aprons
- Geography equipment
- Rugby shirts
- £1000 was raised through the Summer Fair which House and School Council pupil representatives are currently deciding how they would like it spent

Time can be a major issue for us all these days, but joining 'Friends of Park' needn't be a demanding task. Many parents don't realise that it is a flexible group and that you don't need to sign up for a formal role on the committee to take part - even if you only have a little time to spare, you can still make a **much-valued** contribution.

- Bake for a cake sale when they are held.
- Attend meetings to plan events.
- Donate raffle prizes when needed.
- Share ideas for social and fund raising activities and help us make school fun.
- Selling Summer Draw Raffle tickets
- Help out at the School Summer Fair.
- Attend Pig Night!
- Get involved with school productions.
- Support fundraising events.
- Turn up at events organised by the 'Friends of Park'.
- Help on Sports Day.
- Submit ideas for more ways to help.

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the following ways, please complete the return slip below and return it to the School Office.

I would like to be involved with the 'Friends of Park'

I would like to offer help at school events to support the Friends of Park

I am interested in finding out more about Friends of Park

Name:

Students Name:

Contact Telephone:

Email:

AGM Meeting

On Monday 12th November 2018, we have our annual AGM meeting which will be held in the School Conference room at 7pm.

If you are interested in finding out about the 'Friends of Park' proposals for the forthcoming year or you are interested in becoming a committee member, we would really appreciate your support by coming along to our meeting.

How to get involved

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the above ways, or have any questions, please complete the slip on the left and return it to the School Office or email our Friends of Park secretary, Jacquie Belghafria at jacquiebelghafria@hotmail.com or Julia O'Callaghan at jocallaghan@theparkschool.org.uk

You are very welcome to just turn up at one of our very friendly and informal meetings, dates are advertised on the school website and the weekly parents bulletin.

So why not give it a go ? After all it is your Friends of Park. Alone we will do so little, together we can do so much!