

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Plea for volunteers to come forward to help on our Friends Committee

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have received a letter today from our current Treasurer of the Friends, Claudia O'Donnell regarding the fact that we are in search of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for our Friends charity, in addition to other committee members, in order to be able to continue to raise money on behalf of St Chad's Primary School.

Our Friends have been incredibly successful over the years and raised a huge amount of money for the children and the school. If we are unable to appoint volunteers into these positions, as Claudia explained, the charity will need to be disbanded and The Friends will no longer exist from 14th November. This means that we will no longer be able to host events like school discos and movie nights. Our budgets are incredibly tight and we rely on the generous donations from the Friends as a result of our wonderful community participating in fundraising events that they have hosted. This would be incredibly sad for our school and I am writing to ask if there are any parents/carers or wider family members who would be able to dedicate some of their time to help the school. We could consider a shared role if this is of interest but we would be truly grateful to anyone who would be able to help us.

Claudia has dedicated 10 years to volunteering as part of the Friends and will be stepping down in November, having already extended her term to help us out. I would like to say a huge thank you to Claudia for the dedication and hardwork that she has shown over the years. We are truly grateful.

If you would like to discuss this role in more detail, please contact the school office and they will forward your details to Claudia so that you can have more of a discussion. Equally, Mr Ridd or myself would welcome a conversation if you are interested in finding out more about working with us. The AGM will be on Tuesday 14th November at 3.30pm.

We are an amazing community and I really hope that we are able to continue the previous hardwork of our current Friends committee.

Kind regards, Steph Jenkins, Headteacher.

