

## *The Friends of Gooderstone CofE Primary Academy*

*The Friends of Gooderstone School is a committee of parents, teachers and community members committed to supporting the work of Gooderstone School.*

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1045069**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone is safe and well?

The Friends will be holding their AGM (Annual General Meeting) on: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October after school drop off in the morning.

I have sought advice, and as we are a charity, we are classed as a business, so the "Rule of 6" does not apply to us, as long as the venue is Covid secure, e.g. people attending keep to the 2metre distance or 1metre with a mask. As we are unable to use the school grounds, we will be holding this at the Tea Room in the Water Gardens. As it will be out of hours for the Tea Room, we will have to enter via the back entrance. For those of you who don't know where this is, please contact myself for details. I will have done a risk assessment to make sure this is a safe way for everyone before the day.

Unfortunately, I will no longer be holding the role as Chair due to other commitments that need my full attention, but I will always be around if needed. Also, we will sadly be losing Jess Peate (deputy treasurer) and Ella Hoyos. I would like to say a BIG thank you to both for everything you have done!!

There are 3 main roles to consider,

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

There can also be anyone that can just be a committee member. From a family member, teacher or anyone from our village community.

To be able to hold the AGM appropriately, we need an extra 6 parents to attend the meeting so we can vote. If no one attends, then the meeting will have to be adjourned for another date. I will need to know who will be attending so we don't go over the 15 people for social gatherings.

To be able to function efficiently, The Friends need the 3 main roles to be filled. Can I please stress if the roles are not filled, then The Friends will have to be dissolved and the children and school will lose out.

As with the current situation, there is not much we can effectively do this year to raise funds. It would be such a shame to lose The Friends completely.

I know everything is different and these are difficult times. If we all stick together, things will get better!!

If anyone would like to nominate themselves or another person beforehand, please either contact the school with your details or myself. If you would like more information on the roles, please contact myself. A reminder and the agenda will be sent out before the date.

Look forward to seeing you!

Kind Regards

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