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Dear Parents and Carers,

Proposed Changes to the FOBS Charity

As you may know FOBS held its annual AGM on October 15th 2021. Recent membership for FOBS has been declining over the last couple of years and unfortunately, only three members attended. Regrettably, this means that we do not have enough active parents to take on the 'officer' roles required under the existing constitution, in order for the charity to function effectively in its current form.

This has led us to conclude that due to the changing environment and how our school community is evolving, we need to think of new ways to engage our school community and continue to raise much needed funding.

The income (between £2,000 and £6,000 annually) that the school has received from FOBS has been invaluable and has ensured that we have been able to enhance many aspects of school life for our children. This has included much needed equipment and extras which are not covered by the school budget e.g. SEN books, money for class teachers to spend on extra materials for their classrooms, chairs for the hall and other additional items. FOBS has also been a fantastic way for us all to connect as a school community and the children have enjoyed many different events. We would like to thank all our FOBS members, past and present. Your contribution has been wholly appreciated.

A proposal has been presented whereby the charity is changed to a trust that would be administered by trustees. This would be made up from members of the governing body and the headteacher.

The aims, as previously, will be that additional funds collected or raised will be used in order to benefit the children attending the school which are not provided for by the local education authority.

We are currently exploring the best way to ensure this invaluable funding continues. As is more frequently happening in many other schools, regular income for the trust may include regular payments by parents, which would be collected by direct debit. Alongside this, we would also like to find out if we have any parents who would be willing to offer either their skills and/or resources and time to arrange or support in arranging one off fundraising activities on behalf of the trust. We are open to all your ideas and suggestions.

We will be circulating a questionnaire regarding this sometime in the next few weeks and it would be really helpful if you would complete this to help us work out the best way forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

Malcom Foster