

Who and What on earth is



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If you are new to the school you may be thinking, who on earth are these cheeky beggars FOSH, always spamming me with messages and accosting me on the school run. Allow me to tell you a bit more about what we do.

We are the Friends of Sacred Heart school. We are a group of parents and friends who get together to organize and run fundraising events throughout the school year to raise money for our school.

We ensure that money donated is spent on enhancing the children's education and we work hard to create a strong and supportive community in the school.

If you would like to influence how the money raised by FOSH is spent you must be a member of our committee and become a trustee at our AGM, held at the beginning of every academic year.

Every parent or guardian of a child attending Sacred Heart is considered to be a member of FOSH, so you are welcome to any of our meetings.



Photos from some of the events we have held

Some people have asked how we organize ourselves so I have tried to explain a bit more below...

We are a registered charity, we are therefore guided by the charities commission. We have a board of trustees who have pledged to abide by our constitution and who ensure that money raised is spent appropriately.

We are members of Parent Kind, a charity that gives advice and support to Parent Teacher Associations (PTA).

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The school receives funding in a number of different ways

- Local council funding - this is spent, in the main, on educating the children and includes running costs and staff salaries.
- Money from Westminster Diocese – this is an annual sum and contributes towards the children's education. For example books, paper, teaching aids and so on
- Money from the governors fund - This is money given, by parents usually via monthly direct debit, which is administered by the governors and is spent on buildings, recruitment and other things the school requires.
- Fundraising through FOSH – This is money raised from FOSH events. Every penny we make is spent in the school. We provide a range of items, from equipment for the knitting and gardening clubs to purchasing the electronic entrance system in the school reception and a contribution to the security gates.



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We need your help to put on events.

Rest assured we all started out feeling just like you do right now...

... I don't know anyone ... I feel embarrassed and shy ... I don't want to commit too much time...

I promise that you and your children will meet lifelong friends through volunteering. I guarantee that your family will enjoy themselves as they get involved and attend the different events. And I know that you will swell with pride when you hear how much you raised for your kids.

Say hi on the playground, drop me a line, or get a few of you together and join as a group, but please, do get involved x

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