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## **Plea for Parent Volunteers**

FOSS (Friends of Stanborough School) is a registered charity and is a combination of parents/carers and school staff.

FOSS has been in place for 70 years and over that time has organised numerous social events for parents and staff and events for students, all of which have been enjoyed by many and also raised funds.

The monies from fundraising that FOSS does is held and departments in school propose any requests they have for equipment/resources that will enhance the students' experiences at school. The funds are not used for any items that would be purchased from the school's budget but these additional funds have enabled many extras for our students.

Many parents miss the interaction with other parents when their child leaves primary school and being part of this committee helps to resolve that as you get to meet with other parents and meetings and events are very sociable and strong friendships are often formed between committee members.

People sometimes worry that the time commitment will be too much for them but please be assured that you only need to give the time that you want to give. Some members just attend meetings, there are some that cannot always attend meetings but are happy to be part of the group and help out at some events. Members are not expected to attend all events (but are very welcome to do so!) and the more members we have means that people really can pick and choose when they are available and wanting to help out.

With a number of our members children having now left the school, there are only a few remaining members of FOSS and this has meant that there have not been any events during the last year. This is a real shame and it would be lovely to get some more parents on board and start running some activities again and bringing some fresh ideas with them.

If you are interested in being involved or would like to find out more about this, please contact Miss Ashley, our School Business Manager, <a href="mailto:kashley@stanborough.herts.sch.uk">kashley@stanborough.herts.sch.uk</a>

Yours faithfully



