

Friends of St Mary's School

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General meeting Agenda

Wednesday 18th March 2018 7:30 The Lawns Pub
Present:

1. Apologies:
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Approval of the minutes from last meeting
4. Actions from the last meeting and matters arising

Items from last meeting

Green goddess swapover and general tidy up - Will set a date for after Easter at the next meeting.

Planning the Church Road entrance area

Inflatable insurance - Ellen

Family Cycle Treasure Hunt 13th May weather permitting. £2 per child, £3 per adult £10 for a family.

Love the thermometer on the website Hywel!

New items

Safeguarding in our Charity – expectations below.

Ipads (?and cases/covers)

5K update

And finally.... Strange email requests that arrive

5. AOB

6. Time and date of next meeting

Upcoming Freinds Events

19th April Obstacle race
13th May Family bike ride/scoot and BBQ

25th May mufti day for 5K
9th June 5k
21st June Sports day & Cake sale
30th June Tuckfield
6th July School Disco tbc

In the pipeline

Auction of promises & quiz – Oct

Safeguarding in charities

Following recent events, the Charity Commission would like to remind ALL trustees to take safeguarding extremely seriously. Safeguarding should be a key governance priority for all charities, not just those working with groups traditionally considered at risk.

The Charity Commission has four clear expectations of trustees:

- Provide a **safe and trusted environment**. Safeguarding involves a duty of care to everyone who comes into contact with your charity, not just vulnerable beneficiaries like children and young people.
- Set an **organisational culture that prioritises safeguarding**, so it is safe for people to report incidents and concerns in the knowledge they will be dealt with appropriately.
- Have adequate safeguarding **policies, procedures and measures** to protect people and make sure these are made public, reviewed regularly and kept up to date.
- Handle incidents as they arise. **Report them to the relevant authorities** including the police and the Charity Commission. Learn from these mistakes and put in place the relevant mechanisms to stop them happening again.

As your regulator, we expect charities to meet these expectations.

Our advice is that you should now:

- Undertake a thorough review of your charity's safeguarding governance and management arrangements and performance if you haven't done so within the last 12 months.
- Contact the Commission about any safeguarding issues, or serious safeguarding incidents, complaints or allegations which have not previously been disclosed to the charity regulator.

Our regulatory role is to ensure charities comply with their legal duties, manage any incidents responsibly and take prompt steps to protect the people affected by it. We cannot look after the safety of your people for you and we do not investigate individual incidents for you.