



Ten reasons to join the Friends of Kilmore Committee

1. You will make your child proud

Children love to see you taking an interest in their school and sharing their experience. They will be proud of your special role and the part you play in organising events. By volunteering, you will be a role model to your child and send a message about the importance you place on their education. This could even have a positive impact on their achievement and attainment at school.

2. You can make a real difference

Schools are being asked to do more with less, thanks to government budget cuts. Each year, FOK raises thousands of pounds to help the school fund extras like electronic white boards and playground equipment, as well as to subsidise school trips. Your own child will benefit from these things when they are at school.

3. You can learn new skills

If you've had a career break, getting involved with FOK could be a great way of helping you transition back to the world of work. You can gain experience and knowledge of fundraising, money management, event planning, licenses and risk assessments, as well as developing organisational and interpersonal skills.

4. You will feel connected to the school

Being involved with FOK will give you a brilliant insight into how Kilmore operates, and you will get to know more of the staff. It's a really great way of understanding what happens in school and the challenges it faces.

5. You will make new friends

As a part of FOK, you will get to know fellow Kilmore parents/carers with similar values and shared goals. Many lasting friendships have developed thanks to the connections forged while working on events. The children of FOK committee members love the time they spend hanging out together too.

6. It's not as much time as you think

While there are undoubtedly busy times, the ongoing time commitment does not have to be too onerous. Most of our meetings are in the evening after kids' bedtime and many of our committee members work - some of them full-time. We can work around you and the time you have available. The bigger the committee, the more we can spread the workload!

7. You can play to your strengths

There are lots of different roles available and we are keen to make the most of the different capabilities and interests that people bring to the table. Whether you are looking for a new creative outlet, enjoy organising events or are a seasoned fundraiser, your skills are valuable to us and will benefit the school!

8. It can be a lot of fun

Volunteering shouldn't be a chore! We accomplish a lot and work hard, but we don't take ourselves too seriously and we try to have fun along the way. Committee meetings are very informal, friendly and sociable and we always manage to have a great time at the events themselves, even though we are busy.

9. It will look good on your CV

If you join the FOK committee you will become a trustee of a small, registered charity. Volunteering and charity work makes you stand out as a candidate in a competitive job market and is highly valued by employers and recruiters.

10. It is incredibly rewarding

Raising money for the school is hugely gratifying in itself, but the satisfaction that comes from organising a successful event that hundreds of children and parents/carers have enjoyed really makes all the hard work worthwhile! Our events bring the school and wider community together and help make Kilmore School special.