



# Welcome to North Heath Community Primary School

This sheet has been compiled by the Friends of North Heath School Committee especially for you, as a new family joining our school community. We realise it can be exciting starting at a new school and there are many positive opportunities for adults and children alike. This leaflet aims to provide you with information about the Friends of North Heath, which forms an important part of school life.

## Why do we have the Friends of North Heath?

The Friends of North Heath ('Friends') is a **registered charity run by parent volunteers** whose aim is to raise funds to help purchase additional equipment and resources to enhance our children's learning environment. The 'Friends' also bring parent/s, carer/s and staff together as a community in support of the school. **As a new parent/carer at North Heath you are automatically a member of the 'Friends' when your children start school.**

## The Committee

The annually elected 2019-20 Committee currently consists of four Officers: Chair; Secretary, Treasurer and Communication Officer. We also have four 'ordinary' Committee members. All Committee members undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check. As a charity we must abide by Charity Commission regulations and we are bound by a governing document referred to as our constitution. The 'Friends' is a member of Parentkind which gives us many benefits including comprehensive insurance cover.

## Friends Helpers

'Friends' Helpers are a growing group of parent/s or carer/s who are not on the Committee, but can give specified amounts of time to help the Committee with event preparations and/or on the day e.g. manning a Fair stall, wrapping prizes, baking cakes, helping at uniform sales or designing posters.

## How we support the School

Decisions on how to spend funds are made at our committee meetings. The school leadership team provides a 'wish list' for our consideration. Under our governing document 'Friends' funds are required to be spent on items and events which 'Advance the Education of Pupils' and are not always provided by the school's budgets. These help make our children's learning experiences more fulfilling and exciting. In 2019-20 we were delighted to be able to fund the purchase of **6 new Octagonal Picnic Benches** for outside learning/quiet zones which have benefited every child in the school. In the last few years we have also funded the purchase of **iPads, laptop computers, an outdoor shelter and new gym equipment.**

## Communication and Contact

'Friends' communications are sent out via Parentmail, and there is a Friends notice-board in the playground. We can be contacted by email ([friendsonh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsonh@gmail.com)), or alternatively you can catch us in the school playground.

## Supporting Friends

There are lots of ways **YOU** can support the 'Friends':

- by becoming a Committee Member and have a say in the allocation of funds to the school;
- by becoming a 'Friends' Helper and sparing 1 or 2 hours per term or year to help run events;
- by giving donations, such as items for stalls or clothes for recycling;
- by Parent/Carer local Business or Parent/Carer workplaces offering raffle prizes or sponsorship
- and, most importantly, by **supporting** our events and having fun with your family and friends.

If you are interested in joining the Committee, becoming a 'Friends' Helper volunteer, have a fundraising idea or any questions; please find one of us in the playground, or email [friendsonh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsonh@gmail.com)

**In particular, we need more committee members and helpers.**

## How we fundraise

The **majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run** (e.g. Summer Fair). As a registered charity, we are also able to raise money through **company matchfunding** and can claim **Gift Aid** on donations given through sponsored events. Further funds are gained from Easy2name clothing label commissions, Easyfundraising donations, Amazon Smile (**see overleaf**).

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## MATCH FUNDING

is a simple way of increasing funds raised. Some employers will donate additional money to a charity that an employee has donated to or raised money for. Examples include matching funds raised by staff running a Fair stall, donating time for voluntary work or a cash donation made to the charity. Your employer may also be able to offer 'gifts in kind' e.g. donating equipment or services like in-house printing. Please speak to your HR department to find out if they offer match-funding.

You could also help us secure sponsorship or raffle prizes for other events during the school year - please contact the committee.

## easy2name

Friends of North Heath have teamed up with Easy2name.com, a company who specialises in stickers, iron and sew-in labels for school clothing, bags, shoes etc. For each order placed with them the Friends of North Heath will receive **20% cashback** for our funds. We all need labels for our children's clothes and equipment so please help support the school by using this easy to use website: [www.easy2name.com](http://www.easy2name.com) Please select **FRIENDS OF NORTH HEATH CP SCHOOL RH12** from the drop-down menu when placing your order.



If **YOU or your workplace** shop online did you know that every time you buy anything on line you could be raising money for the **Friends of North Heath School**? Over 4,172 well known retailers, such as Amazon, Baker Ross, Just Eat, eBay and Tesco will donate a percentage of what you spend to the **Friends of North Heath School** at no additional cost to you, to say thank you for shopping with them.


It's a really simple process, all you have to do is:

- Sign up at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) or download the **easyfundraising app for your mobile device**.
- During sign-up you'll be asked to install the **Donation Reminder toolbar** – if you do so you will receive a handy reminder each time a donation is available when you shop online.
- When you're asked to choose your cause, select **Friends of North Heath Community Primary School - Horsham**.
- Start your shopping and spread the word to family and friends to let them know just how easy it is!



If **YOU or your workplace** regularly shops with Amazon then FoNH encourage you to start using AmazonSmile as it means up to 5% of the money you pay is gifted to your named charity.

It's a really simple process, all you have to do is:

- Sign up at [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk).
- For **Android** devices download or update **Amazon Shopping app**. Open the app, tap the main menu in the app, tap Settings, tap **AmazonSmile**, and follow any on screen instructions.
- While, for **Apple** devices, the Amazon Shopping app can't be used for **AmazonSmile** you **CAN** set up a shortcut to its website. So you need to **uninstall** the Amazon Shopping app (this doesn't delete your account just any data the app has stored to your device!) and **install** Safari (Apple's browser), go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk), tap the 'share'  button at the bottom of the screen, tap the 'Add to Home Screen' icon (swipe left if you can't see it immediately). You now have an **AmazonSmile** icon on your home screen.
- When you're asked to choose your cause, select **Friends of North Heath Cp School**.
- Start your shopping and spread the word to family and friends to let them know just how easy it is!



FoNH regularly organise "Bag2School" collections where all your unwanted textiles are recycled and in return the 'Friends' receive money for the school.



FoNH regularly run sales of good quality uniform in our playgrounds and at events. Prices range from 50p to £4, depending on the item, with the majority priced at £1.

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