

Some of the Friends of Grove Road



Jane Simpson - Chair

I have been involved with Friends of Grove Road - in various ways - since my son Cameron started in Reception and he's now in Year 6.

I started off small attending meetings to get involved with the school community and help with the cake stall and gradually increased until I became Chair 3 years ago working with the other members to organise fun events for the kids and their families and to help raise funds for the school.



Ruth Robinson - Treasurer

My two boys are Joseph in Year 4 and Ben in Year 2.

I first got involved with FOGR when my eldest was in Year 1, just helping out with the weekly Cake Sale at first and now as one of the Committee members. I feel that Grove Road is such a great school and I'm grateful for how happy and settled my kids are, so really wanted to give something back. The Friends team are a lovely bunch and as much as it can be hard work at times, it's very rewarding and well worth it.

Tracey Jones - Secretary



I have two sons, the youngest of which, Charlie, is in Year 5.

I originally got involved with FOGR by helping at Christmas and Summer Fairs and then more recently in event planning and organising.

I really enjoy being involved in Charlie's school. It helps build those important links between home and school for me. I get a good understanding of how his school works as well as working with the teachers to create fun events and raise money to enhance what the school can offer.

Paul Rawlinson



I am married to Katie and our son Seth is currently in Year 1. Our youngest son Toby will start at pre-school in January 2020.

I joined Friends of Grove Road because I knew I would have a link with the school for the next 8 years of family life and wanted to have a positive effect on the school experience for my children and everyone else's. I am currently working with the FOGR committee on an exciting project for Summer 2020.

I am also the owner of Baltzersen's cafe in Harrogate.

Charlotte Carter-Dionisi



I have two children at Grove Road, Hector is in Year 2 and Estella is in Year 1.

I joined FOGR after volunteering at various events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs to raise extra funds for the school. I enjoy the opportunity to discuss what projects the extra funds will be spent on and I feel that being a part of FOGR sends my children the message that I care about their school.



Jen Dening

My grandson has just moved into year one after having a lovely year in reception.

I want to volunteer to support the school as I know how beneficial extra funds can be. It will be exciting to see what the next project is or what needs additional money.