

Dear Parents,

My name is Gerlin Moses and I am the current Chair of the St Faith's Parents' Association (often referred to as the SFPA).

I realise we have been quiet for some time now, so I thought it was high time I introduced myself and the Association to new parents and gave you all an update on what we have been up to and what we are planning.



### Background

For those who are relatively new to the school I should explain that the SFPA is a group of about 10 parents, whose aim is to organise events that will help build a strong sense of community amongst parents at St Faith's.

Unlike many Parent Associations, we do not have a remit to either raise money for the school, or to act as a liaison between parents and the school. Any surplus money we do raise is given to charity and any specific concerns or issues you have with the school should be resolved directly with the school.

We meet formally twice a term where we are joined by the Headmaster and Bursar.

We also meet frequently in sub-committees to plan events and communications.

I have been on the committee in a variety of roles for over 6 years now. During that time the SFPA has kept itself very busy organising events such as the popular Fireworks Night, Christmas Fayre and the Summer Ball.

We have taken great pride in hosting events that are enjoyed by so many in the St Faith's community.

### Recent Activity



Unfortunately, since Covid struck all our face-to-face event plans have been put on hold. We have continued to plan events in the hope that they would be given the go ahead, but apart from a couple of fun family online quiz nights, this has not proved possible. Even the hoped-for Scavenger Hunt in September had to be cancelled at the last minute.

As you can probably imagine, taking over as Chair during this difficult time hasn't exactly been easy. I find it hard to see the disappointment of my fellow committee members as one by one each of our planned for events has been abandoned.

But, with evolving restrictions regarding Covid and a renewed determination to do something positive, it feels as though we've finally turned a corner.

### Future Activity

We know how important it is for parents to feel part of the community at St Faith's, so moving forward we will focus our energies on facilitating smaller events such as coffee mornings that still give parents a chance to come together and build relationships. These will start with Foundation, Year 3 and Year 8 parents as soon as Covid restrictions allow.

We will improve our communications, including creating an SFPA section on My School Portal.

We will be establishing a more formalised system of Year group reps to help smooth communications and encourage smaller get-togethers and events.

We will be putting together a survey to find out your views on how we are doing and what more we can do.

And, we will continue to plan for large scale events such as an Easter Egg Hunt and the Summer Ball, alongside smaller scale events such as coffee mornings, in the anticipation that such occasions can be held with an acceptable level of risk.

### **Getting In Touch**

If you would like to know more about the activities of the SFPA, would like to become involved, or are interested in becoming one of the new Year group reps, please contact me at [sfpa@stfaiths.co.uk](mailto:sfpa@stfaiths.co.uk)

Wishing you all a very happy New Year.

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