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Charity nr: NIC101026

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

### **Report at year end for 12 month period 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

#### **Commission's Public benefit requirement:**

As we are registered as a charity by the NI Charity Commission, we are required to have regard for the public benefit requirement as defined in the Charities Act and also to take into account that the purpose of our Association must be for that public benefit to be charitable.

We as charity trustees must know and be able to identify the purposes of our charity and we must have regard to statutory guidance produced by the Commission when exercising powers or duties related to the guidance.

#### **Our public benefits are**

1: to foster and extend relationships between home and school

The public benefit which flows from this is to have an active parents and friends association that works in partnership with the school, engages parental support and builds links with the local community.

The benefit is for the children/pupils and families of pupils at Broadbridge Primary School.

This does not lead to harm.

The benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all the beneficiaries

2: to advance the education of pupils in the school by engaging in activities which support the school.

The public benefit which flows from this is increased educational progress.

This is demonstrated by having additional resources, events, activities and links with the local community which are not available through direct school funding.

The benefit is for the children / pupils and families of pupils at Broadbridge Primary School.

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#### **The governing document/constitution:**

Our original constitution was adopted at the AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2004 and was revised and updated at a meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The purpose of Broadbridge Parents and Friends Association is to advance the education of the pupils of Broadbridge School by providing or assisting in the provision of educational facilities at the school and ancillary to this and in furtherance of this objective, the association may

- foster more extended relationships between staff, parents and others who befriend the school and
- engage in activities which support the school and advance the education of the pupils attending it

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The Parents and Friends Association organised a number of events this year. This included a Christmas Santa drive thru, Christmas Bingo night, and an Easter Disco. Expenditure included support for the costs of the Sparks Project which facilitated the two local schools working together, support for the costs of a school trip for the choir and the association covered expenses associated with Sports Day and Grandparents' Day.

The Parents and Friends Association has decided to open a new current account with the Ulster Bank which will better suit our needs. Unfortunately, the paperwork was not processed by the Ulster Bank within this financial year. Therefore, we decided to lodge all monies previously held in the school petty cash account from previous years' activities (and mentioned in last year's report) to the current account already held with the First Trust Bank. When all expenses were accounted for this resulted in an additional lodgement of £5626.14 to the current account.

The Planned Giving Voluntary Contribution continued and we are very grateful to the many families and past pupils who contribute on a monthly basis (this initiative began in April 2016 in order to address the year on year tightening of the school budget). This year, donations amounted to £17,720.00 to be used for necessary resources and staff costs.

Bank Fees include a quarterly charge for on line banking which has proved invaluable for financial administration.

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