

## **Friends of Mount Saint Michaels PTA**

### **Trustees Report for the Year Ended 1 October 2022**

Friends of Mount St Michael's PTA is a Parent Teacher's Association (PTA) which works alongside Mount St Michael's Primary School, 3 Craigstown Road, Randalstown, BT41 2AF. The PTA is registered under the Charity Commission Northern Ireland and its key purpose is to:

1. Promote community links with neighboring schools;
2. Encourage and promote open links between teaching parents and staff;
3. Promote a school family ethos with staff/ parents and pupils to encourage community links and a sense of belonging;
4. Promote a healthy nurturing environment for the children of the school's learning and
5. Help supplement resources and improve learning opportunities for the children of the school.

The Friends of Mount St Michael's PTA has had due regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Requirement.

The members/ trustees of Friends of Mount St Michael's PTA and staff of Mount St Michael's Primary School agree that through fundraising events, we meet our statement of purpose through:

1. Joint events run alongside neighboring school promotes community link established in the classroom and then gives parents an opportunity to open and enhance these community links.
2. Meeting teaching staff outside of the class environment promotes better relationships in a more relaxed manner and can ease feelings of anonymity and pave the path for more open communication when/ if needed.
3. By attending family events together, we strengthen the family ethos and community spirit of Mount St Michael's Primary School by including everyone and providing a feeling of belonging and acceptance for all parents/ pupils and staff alike.
4. If parents feel at ease with the school environment and teaching staff feel valued in their role, pupils have a better positive learning experience as their will be a valued consensus between all parties involved.
5. Due to increased financial strain on schools, any monies raised is used to help supplement/ replace learning resources to benefits our children's learning, both inside and outside the classroom environment.

### Fundraising events for the period 02/10/21 – 01/10/22

Unfortunately, it was not possible for the Friends of Mount St Michael's PTA to undertake any fundraising events for this reporting period, due to the impact of the COVID19 pandemic. It is intended that such events will resume once it is considered safe to do so in line with Public Health guidance.