

Annual report and accounts 2018-19

Grange Park Primary School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

NIC: 105741

This annual report and accounts applies to the 2018-19 financial year, which ran from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019.

Grange Park Primary School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (usually known as Grange Park PTFA) became a registered charity on 4 October 2016. Grange Park PTFA is governed by the model constitution prepared for PTAs in Northern Ireland by PTA-UK (now known as Parentkind). Trustees are elected annually by the members at the AGM.

Principal address: Grange Park Primary School, Grange Park, Bangor, BT20 3QG

The trustees for the 2018-19 financial year were:

Timothy Brundle

Catherine Lilley (chair)

Victoria Wallace (treasurer)

Amanda White (principal)

Public benefit statement

The Grange Park Primary School Parent, Teachers and Friends' Association carries out its purpose by holding social, educational and sporting events centred at the Primary School for the children, their parents and guardians and the local community to promote the work of the school and encourage advocacy for its mission. Any surplus from such events is gifted to the School in pursuit of Grange Park's academic purpose.

In carrying out their duties, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance. The public benefits of Grange Park PTFA are:

Purpose 1: Improved relationships between home and school

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes funding for additional resources for the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through having an active PTFA that works in partnership with the school and engages parental support.

Purpose 2: Advancing the education of pupils in the school

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes increased educational progress and attainment of pupils in the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through pupils having access to resources, events, activities and links with the local community which are not available through direct school funding.

These purposes do not lead to harm. The benefits are for children at Grange Park Primary School. Charity trustees (PTFA committee members) are usually also parents at the school which their children attend and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefits are provided to all beneficiaries.

This year's activities

Events held this year for the children, their parents and guardians included:

P1 parents' coffee morning – this free social event helps new P1 parents get to know each other over coffee and cake, introduces them to the PTFA and encourages engagement between parents and the school.

Breakfast at Sustrans event – the PTFA provided breakfast in support of the school's car-free day organised in conjunction with Sustrans. Encouraging walking and cycling to school helps reduce the traffic volumes around the school, improving safety and reducing pollution levels. The proceeds were donated on behalf of the school to a charitable collection for a local school child needing life-saving treatment not available in the UK.

Halloween disco – the primary purpose of this event is to provide a fun social occasion for the pupils, while also promoting parental engagement, although it is also a successful fund raising event.

Wine nights – we ran two wine tasting events, which gave parents the opportunity to socialise while also raising funds.

Ballot – donations from parents and local businesses were raffled in order to raise funds.

Big Birthday Party – to celebrate the school's 50th birthday, the PTFA in cooperation with the staff organised and funded a birthday party for the whole school. The party included many of the elements of our normal summer fair, such as bouncy castle and slide, bungee maze, sports activities, sideshows like hook-a-duck, and art and craft activities, but was held in school time and all activities were free to the children.

50th Birthday Open Night – we provided and served refreshments at the open night for past pupils and staff held to celebrate the school's 50th birthday.

Spending

PTFA funds were used on the following:

- purchase and installation of a new lighting system for the school hall, which will enhance events such as the infant nativity play, the annual P7 musical, and the school discos.
- creation of murals by a local artist around the P1 classrooms, which brighten the environment while also providing learning opportunities.
- Big Birthday Party for the school's 50th anniversary.

Surplus funds were carried over to the following year.

Signed off by Catherine Lilley (PTFA Chair)