



HELLO!

Introducing FOSS



WHO/WHAT IS FOSS?

FOSS stands for Friends of Stepgates School. We are a registered charity set up to support the school in additional fundraising. We are made up of parents, grandparents, other family members, friends in the community and ex-pupils. FOSS isn't a "committee" or "group" that you need to be a member of – it's all of us!

WHAT WE DO...

FOSS support and organise a number of activities throughout the year. Some of those to raise vital funds and some to simply reward and celebrate Stepgates children and their families. Here are a sample of some events that take place throughout the year:

- Themed Discos
- Mother's Day & Father's Day Stall
- Summer Fair / Colour Run
- Black Cherry Fair Procession Float
- Elfridges Shopping Stall at Christmas
- Break the Rules Day & Crazy Hair Day
- Goose Fair Stall
- Various after school sales, for example: Second-hand uniform; sweets; ice lollies; toys; cakes; hot chocolate
- Ad hoc serving of refreshments at various school organised events

Additionally, we raise funds through companies. For example:

- Stampastic is a personalised stamp usable on fabric, metal, wood and some plastics. 30% of the sale is donated directly to FOSS.

100% of the money FOSS raises goes directly to enhance the learning, welfare and entertainment for the children of Stepgates - present and future

WHERE THE FUNDS HAVE GONE BEFORE...

- School swimming pool donations / equipment
- Classroom donations for resources
- Library books
- Forest School equipment
- Classroom fans and cover during hot weather
- Year 6 CGP revision books and leavers hoodies
- Heavily subsidised trips
- Playground equipment for the Infant playground
- After school/lunchtime club equipment
- Rucksacks for Reception (new intake) children
- World Book Day T-shirts (2024) / wooden spoons (2025)
- Christmas Selection boxes

WHAT WE ASK...

- Mainly, we ask for just a little bit of your time every now and then. By volunteering even an hour can make such a huge difference!
- Disco help (decorating the hall and/or helping for a short time during the disco)
- Summer Fair / Colour Run (helping beforehand and/or on the day)
- Other activities throughout the year – Easter, Mother's Day, Christmas fun, other ad hoc and seasonal activities
- Black Cherry Fair (helping beforehand and/or on the day)

- Clothes collection (Happy Clothes Collection / Textile Bank)
- Order clothes stamp through Stampastic
- Your new ideas! Any particularly handy skill that could help with any of the events?
- Join us for a meeting and make your voice heard
- Volunteer to become a Class Rep
- Like our Facebook page (search 'Friends of Stepgates School') and engage with Class Reps to stay up to date with all FOSS events and activities
- Meet us! Talk to us! It's such a great way to be involved with school life and to meet new people.

If you would like to know more and can spare some time, please contact:

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Thank you