



Invitation to join FOSA

Who are Friends of Sandon and Ambergate?

We are a group of parents & carers, staff and community members, who, in partnership with GANF, organise fundraising activities to raise money for the schools. The money raised goes towards funding activities and equipment that would not be achievable within the school's tight budget. We are a registered charity, number 1066048.

How do we raise funds?

Throughout the year we organise a number of events. Some are solely for the children, some for the adults and others for the whole family.

We can also raise money through 'fund matching' with large companies. If your company offers match funding, please let us know – it's a great way to boost our funds with very little effort!

How does the money we raise help the school and your child?

We have purchased high cost items including "The Cube", which is a state of the art interactive sensory system. We have funded school trips, Christmas Parties and helped towards many of the schools projects, such as the New Adapted Gym at Ambergate, the outdoor science classroom at Ambergate, the sensory garden at Sandon School, the Sensory Room at Sandon School and the Forest School at Wyville.

Where do you come in?

FOSA is committee run and we always welcome – and need – new members. All parents & carers are automatically members of FOSA – the level of engagement is up to you.

FOSA meet regularly to review that term's activities, decide how to spend funds and to review the schedule of events for the next term. All events are proposed, organised and run by parents, carers and staff at GANF.

The FOSA Committee

Chair: Katie Bennington – Parent of a child at Sandon

Vice Chair: Marie Pears – Parent of a child at Ambergate

Treasurer: Michelle Capindale – GANF Staff

Secretary: Sarah Vidler – Parent of a child at Ambergate

Committee Members:

Claire Bembridge – Parent of children at Ambergate

Claire Wainscott – Parent of a Child at Ambergate
David Capindale – Community Member
Jackie Scarlett – GANF Staff
Lisa Freestone - GANF Staff
Sara Ellis – GANF Staff
Paul Cartwright – Parent of a child at Ambergate
Rebecca Chantry Parke – Parent of a child at Ambergate
Sarah Shakesby – Parent of children at Ambergate

A minimum of 10 Committee members is required for us to maintain our charity status.

- Time required – nothing defined – opt in and out as suits your diary!

If you can spare a few hours a term to help the schools and our children then please do put yourself forward. We are always after injections of new ideas and energy...plus it's a fun way to spend a few hours and get to know a new mix of parents and staff! Please email katie.bennington@ganf-cit.co.uk with any enquiries.

FOSA has a Facebook page and this is an easy way to keep in touch and up to date with goings on. If you are on Facebook, please have a look and join the FOSA page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FOSA1/>

"I am overwhelmed at the support FOSA receives from staff, parents/carers and the local community. All the events are well supported and donations of goods to help with our events are always being sent in. We are very lucky!" – Katie Bennington, Chair of FOSA

"Working with FOSA has been a great opportunity to meet informally with the parents and discuss ways in which we can make our schools an even better place to be for the children. The events allow parents and children to get involved and have a good time too; the Quiz Night is a particular highlight!" – Jacki Bartram, Communications & Fundraising Manager, GANF

*"The work of FOSA is absolutely invaluable and they deserve a big thank you!"
Peter Bell, Executive Head, GANF*