Friends of Flushdyke School

Meet the team!



Jo Rhodes — Chair

“My name is Jo, I've recently been reappointed Chair for this lovely Friends of Flushdyke School charity. I'm really looking forward to supporting our wonderful school community, I have two beautiful children who attend Flushdyke so this felt like a great opportunity to get involved. In my working life, I am a Team Manager for a leading children’s charity, working with children, young people, and families. My favourite thing to do is to enjoy the sunshine with family. I'm also a big believer in creating a safe and warm environment for children and families to grow and achieve. I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can!”

Charlie Yardley — Secretary

“Hi there, I’m Charlie and I’ve been the secretary for the Friends of Flushdyke School charity for the past few years. I’m mum to Elodie in Class 3 and Alex in Class 2.

Working full time, I find it really hard to meet fellow parents and feel connected to the school community when I don’t have chance to interact with people at drop-off and pick-up, so Friends of Flushdyke School has been a great way to bridge that gap. It’s been such a joy to find a group of fun, friendly and generous people to work alongside in the committee, and I’m really looking forward to meeting more parents and continuing to help provide fun and engaging events and activities to support everyone in school.”





Laura Phoenix — Trustee

“Hi I'm Laura Phoenix, I currently work part time as an operations manager for a digital marketing company in Leeds.

I'm married to my wonderful husband Graeme and I have a little girl called Meila. I also have 2 cats, Nala and Shadow.

I love to travel and I have usually got a holiday planned in, I also love to help plan events and days out with family and friends.

I joined Friends of Flushdyke as I want to help create a fun environment for all the children and help support our little school.”

Kirsty Hagger — Treasurer

“I joined Friends of Flushdyke years ago when my eldest daughter was in Class 1. I didn’t know anyone in the area and wanted to meet other mums. As a special educational needs (SEN) mum, I found that becoming part of this community has been incredibly rewarding. It has allowed me to meet like-minded individuals, share experiences, and access valuable resources related to parenting and supporting children with special needs. My journey has been enriched by the friendships and support I’ve found within this group.”





Nikki Dunnill — Trustee

“Hi I’m Nikki, I’m married to Chris and I’m mum to Louie and Isaac. I joined Friends of Flushdyke when Louie was attending the nursery as I wanted him and us to get as involved as much as possible in school life. Joining Friends was a great way to do this, planning and helping out at the events we ran throughout the year whilst raising additional money for the school to provide those little extras for our children to enjoy. In addition to this I’m also a parent governor at the school.

In my professional life I’m a nurse and I work at the Regional Spinal Injuries centre as the discharge sister, a job which I absolutely love.

I really look forward to meeting more of our parents and helping to plan more events for our children and parents to enjoy whilst bringing our school community together.”

Natalie Sinclair — Trustee

“I recently joined Friends of Flushdyke because I am passionate about creating a positive school community where all of our lovely children can thrive. I have two children at the school and volunteering allows me to have some input in deciding the opportunities our kids will have and also witness them making those memories — which is absolutely priceless. With a background in Health and Wellbeing Engagement, increasing parent connections and supporting others to get involved is important to me. It took me 3 years to have enough confidence to volunteer so I understand how many parents may feel. I’m looking forward to working together, supporting our school and raising lots of money to provide opportunities for Flushdyke’s amazing students!”





Bethany Sutton — Trustee

“Hello, I’m Bethany Sutton and just joining the board as a trustee after helping out for a few years! As a proud stay-at-home mum to three energetic kids, my life is a beautifully chaotic mix of snack-making and crowd control. Our family has been part of this amazing school community for five years, and I’m stepping into the school trustee role to give back to the place that has given us so much. I want to help sprinkle some extra fun into our school activities and events. Most importantly, as a mum to an amazing SEN child, I am fiercely passionate about ensuring our school is an inclusive, supportive environment where every single child has the champion they deserve. Cannot wait to see you all at the fun things we have planned this year!”

Sarah D’Roza-Blake — Trustee

“Hi! My name is Sarah, I live in Ossett with my husband Andrew, little boy Oliver and our 3 cats.

I currently work part time in The Flying High Club, so you might have seen me around school.

I love to bake and craft and I go to a craft club every week where I make lots of wonderful items.

I joined Friends of Flushdyke as I wanted to help create wonderful events for families to make lots of memories!”





Kelly Holmes — Trustee

“Hi, I’m Kelly and I’m mum to two beautiful boys, George and Archie, who are both at Flushdyke.

I work full time as a Contract Director, so life can often feel like a bit of a juggle, you’ll regularly find me running through the school gates trying to get the boys in on time!

Being part of FOF gives me the opportunity to play a small part in my children’s school experience, while helping to support the school and create some lovely memories for all the children along the way.”