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Welcome to the 'Friends of Vyners' (FOV). Now that your child has joined the school you are automatically a member, only with your help can we continue to raise additional funds for our children's school.

FOV is vital to ensure that our children gain maximum benefit from excellent extra curricular activities, facilities and equipment that Vyners offers. In order to continue to provide and build on these we need active helpers, from a couple of hours a year to a couple of hours a month.

YOU have something to contribute to your child's school, your help will benefit THEM

On the reverse of this form is an FAQ, we hope that this will answer any questions that you have (you can also speak to the FOV committee members stationed around the hall). Please read them before handing back your response. We will circulate amongst you and collect the forms this evening.

We will be hosting an informal welcome meeting for new members next Tuesday 3rd July at 6pm in the dining hall. This is an opportunity to meet the Committee, other parents and find out more about what we do and how you can help.

All information will be held by the FOV and will not be disclosed to any other person/organisation.

Your Name	
Contact Number	
Email Address	
Childs Name / Form	

I am able to help

I would like to know more about the following (a FOV committee member will contact you with more information)

Joining the 100 Club (application attached)

Attending Committee meetings

Offering help with other tasks at fundraising events

Helping with refreshments at school functions

Cake baking for the Christmas Fayre

Do you have any professional skills / hobbies or interests that you may be able to put to good use for the benefit of the school? e.g. Marketing, Design, Fund Raising, Web Design, Catering, Finance or Accountancy.

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FAQs

“I want to help but can’t, I don’t have the time.”

- Like everything in life it’s about priorities! We all have busy lives, but if you want to help and really can’t spare the time then we ask that you at least join the 100 club and purchase your online shopping via our website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fovyners/>

“I can’t volunteer on a regular basis – I have other commitments.”

- It doesn’t matter – any help will be appreciated, there will always be a place for you. You don’t have to help on a regular basis.

“How much of my time will it take up?”

- A committee member will only need to attend no more than two short meetings a term plus the AGM.
- An ‘occasional helper’ can do as little or as much as they want.

“Is FOV open to everyone?”

- Yes – that is why all parents and staff are automatically members.

“Isn’t the PTA a clique full of the mums from junior school?”

- No – we are just a group of parents who want to try to help enrich the education of all the children in the school, we are an open, friendly and diverse group of parents who care.

“What will FOV really do to help me and my child(ren)?”

- Provide extra funds to buy equipment and benefit the whole school i.e. fund trips that your child/children might want to go on in the future.
- Enhance your social life – you can have fun and make new friends as we run a number of social evenings including quiz nights throughout the year and it’s a chance for you to meet other parents.
- Provide a vital link between parents and teachers.
- FOV offers the opportunity to be actively involved in your child’s school, and get to know their world.

“Has FOV made a difference to Vyners?”

- Yes!
- With the help of parents, FOV have already raised over £200,000 since 1990.
- FOV has paid out £25,000 in 100 Club prizes, so don’t forget to hand in your completed form to become a member of the FOV 100 Club to stand a chance of winning one of the monthly drawn prizes.
- Supported modern, clean and safe minibuses that are used for school trips and sporting fixtures.
- Supported the WI-FI network throughout the school.
- Enabled the school to access additional specialist funds through matched funding, i.e. if the school raises £10,000 the external funder will match it.
- Supported ‘Art’ & other projects around the school.
- Supported the famous ‘Vyners School’ drama productions.
- Funded equipment for the ‘Duke of Edinburghs’ Award scheme.
- Provided refreshments at school events.
- And much more, as well as making the world a slightly better place.....