FRIENDS OF FOT THAMESMEAD

CONSTITUTION

THAMESMEAD ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS

1. This Association shall be called "The Thamesmead Association of Parents and Teachers"

2. The objects of the Association are to advance the education of the pupils of the School by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the Local Education Authority) and as an ancillary thereto and in furtherance of this object the Association may:
   (a) Foster more extended relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school.
   (b) Engage in activities which support the School and advance the education of the pupils attending it.

3. Members of the Association shall be parents or guardians of children attending the School, members of the teaching, or Admin staff and friends of the school.

   Where a child leaves school during the year then the parent, being a member of the Association, shall be deemed to continue as such until the next Annual General Meeting.

   Where parents no longer have children at the school, but wish to continue their interest in the School through the Association, such parents may continue as Friends of the School and shall be entitled to full membership. The Secretary shall keep the Register of Friends of the School.

4. The management and control of the Association shall be vested in a committee, of not less than three and not more than sixteen members.

   The officers of the Association shall be the following:
   1. President
   2. Chairman
   3. Treasurer
   4. Secretary

   With the exception of the President, the Officers and Parent members of the Committee shall be elected at the AGM each year

   The role of President shall be held by the member of Thamesmead staff who is the current Headteacher. This is a figurehead role with no organisational duties or responsibilities other than to preside over the election of the Chair at the AGM. The President's independent and impartial advice may be sought in the event of any disputes.

5. Three members of the said Committee shall constitute a quorum for the Committee.

6. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to eight members, and to appoint any sub-committee. Casual vacancies on the Committee may be filled by the Committee by co-option.

7. Membership of the Association shall be non-subscribed. Copies of the constitution shall be available to members at the AGM or any special meeting of the Association.

8. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in October. Notice of the AGM shall be circulated not later than 21 days before the date appointed for the AGM. Nominations for Officership and Committee membership shall be called for and such nominations and any resolutions for discussion at the AGM shall be delivered to the Hon. Secretary not later than 14 days prior to the AGM.

   Nominations must be supported by the written consent of the nominee whose attendance shall be expected at the AGM.

9. The Agenda for the AGM together with a copy of the Hon. Secretary's report and a copy of the audited accounts of the Association shall be available at the meeting.

10. Three members shall constitute a quorum at the Annual General Meeting.

11. A special General Meeting shall be convened at the request in writing, to the Secretary, of three members of the Association. Such a meeting shall be held within thirty days of the request. Agenda and motions submitted shall be circulated to all members not later than seven days prior to the meeting.

12. No alteration of the rules may be made except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for this purpose. No alteration or amendment shall be made to the objects clause or dissolution clause or any other clause which would cause the Association to cease to be a charity at law.

13. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all income and expenditure and shall submit accounts, duly audited, at the AGM. The Banking Account shall be in the name of the Association and withdrawals shall be made in the name of the Association on the signature of the School Administrator and Treasurer.

14. An Honorary Auditor shall be appointed to audit the accounts of the Association which shall be presented to the AGM.

15. Any Assets remaining on dissolution of the Association after satisfying any outstanding debts and liabilities shall not be distributed amongst the members of the Association but will be given to the School for the benefit of the children of the school in any manner which is exclusively charitable at law.

16. The Association shall take out Public Liability Insurance to cover all its meetings and activities.

17. That any matter not provided for in the Constitution shall be dealt with by the committee.