

Helpers of Elton School

Elton School needs your help!
Support our amazingly incredible, unique school!

Helpers of Elton School has been set up by parents to support with buildings and maintenance, saving school money, leaving more in the pot to spend on the children themselves.

Do you work for or have a company that could help?

Do you have any other skills?

The idea is to donate your time for free and / or provide materials or resources at a discounted price.

We all love Elton because of the unique experience it gives our children, allowing them to thrive whilst enjoying their childhood.



ELTON SCHOOL



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Elton School,

My name is Trish and I am one of the Foundation Governors of the school, as well as a parent of children at school. I've spent my career working at all levels of education, so I know how truly unique and special Elton is. I am so incredibly grateful to everyone at the school and to FOES for continuing the amazing culture and ethos it has of allowing our children to have an amazing childhood and to enjoy being children - especially in a world where children grow up too quickly!

School budgets, especially for small schools, are incredibly tight, often only being enough to cover the bare minimum of staff costs and bills which is why many schools have had to merge into larger academies. We have avoided this to date because we all know that Elton is totally unique and we don't want that to change. Elton, although a quaint and idyllic village school, is a costly building to run and it needs a lot of work; to include a new roof, damp proofing, re-plastering and redecorating throughout as well as a new boiler, better thermal properties etc. I know Claire and the team really don't like asking for help but I also know how many parents would happily give back to help keep Elton the place that it is. This is why I am taking it upon myself to write to you.

For a few years, one parent has taken on the role of volunteer caretaker for small fixes (like new door handles, new drain covers, new fences etc.) where Kerry just calls him and he comes within the week. I know that other parents have given their time, donations or resources to try and help.

For example, one set of parents recently arranged to have the field dressed and reseeded and others arranged to have the year 3-4 classroom walls refurbished and re-plastered over the Easter holidays for just the cost of the materials. The classroom now needs redecorating over the half term or summer. Do you have a decorating or construction company that could do that?

If you aren't handy, or have any skills that could help, did you know that the school has a line on their budget for donations? All of these can be used to fund the small fixes like buying the materials needed to fix breakages or renew worn out items. Cheques or donations can be made payable to 'Elton Church or England Primary School' or Kerry can provide you with bank details for transfers. Equally, if you have links to a company that could match fund or needs to spend a pot of money to support local charities, please get in touch.

Thank you so much for your time in reading this, as well as your ongoing support. It really is very appreciated.

Very best wishes,
Trish Franklin

Get Involved

**Please contact our school business manager, Kerry, by email
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