

17th September 2020

To All Members of the Friends of Mendham School Association,

RE: Friends of Mendham School Association (FOMSA) AGM and Committee Meetings

The FOMSA Committee have been working hard over the last week to find a way of hosting a safe annual general meeting. Having reviewed all the options we have voted to postpone the AGM and any committee meetings until government advice suggests that it is safe for face-to-face meetings to take place. We felt it would be appropriate to set out the reasoning for this decision.

We have consulted the Model Constitution for the organisation available to view on our webpage: <https://fomsamendham.wixsite.com/fomsa> and the recent guidelines set out for the charity sector by the government: www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-the-charity-sector.

As a suitable venue for the AGM has not been found, the government guidelines state that a charity can decide it is necessary to cancel or postpone any meeting, but should record their decision to demonstrate good governance. Although an option for holding phone or virtual meetings was available, the committee decided that it would be difficult to either ensure securing enough people to fit the quorum of 10, or to make it fair to those members wishing to attend who are unfamiliar with or unable to access the technology.

We will continue to monitor the government guidance and as soon as it is appropriate we will arrange an AGM giving the required 21 days notice.

The end of year reports for 2019-20 are attached and the full annual accounts will be available soon for anyone wishing to inspect them.

Please email fomsa.mendham@outlook.com if you have any questions.

Thank you to all members for your continued support. It is now more difficult than ever to raise money for the school but we are continuing to look at different ways of doing so. Please take a look at our webpage <https://fomsamendham.wixsite.com/fomsa> and help us if you can.

Best wishes,

Tanya Seeley, Chair



Lucy Banks, Secretary



Elizabeth Wise, Treasurer



Cas Hamilton, Parent Representative



Molly Ball, Staff Representative

