



Belmont
A special school



Friends @ Belmont PTA

Reg Charity 1172082

Acting Chair's Report for Year Ended 31 December 2021

F@B has two fundamental principles – to host events that enhance the school experience for all pupils and staff, and to raise funds to support the fantastic work of Belmont School.

Fundraising has to underpin our events, both to allow F@B to stage events every year, and because raising substantial funds gives F@B the ability to donate to large and impactful projects across the school.

2021 was another challenging year for the school and our organisation. In person meetings were almost non-existent. Challenges remained about the viability of F@B due to a number of members stepping down for a variety of reasons. The ongoing situation with the pandemic and uncertainty around holding events meant that for the second year we had to cancel our plans for the Summer Fair.

Despite all this, we have achieved much with very reduced numbers, which I will leave to the Treasurer's report. We are still solvent and still finding ways to support school. We are in the process of addressing the future and recruiting a new team to take us forward.

Thanks must go to Jan Tee for her invaluable support and help as Co-Chair. Sarah Jones as Secretary. It is with sadness that we said goodbye to Sue Hunt – a long-standing Belmont Staff Member who has been crucial in the development of F@B and maintaining links with school.

We welcomed Caroline Sexton, new to Team Belmont and already making a difference to the energy and drive of F@B.

We look forward to new beginnings in 2022 and a new team to help expand our work.

At this time of challenge and upheaval we will continue to support where we can and in the words of the school motto "to be the best we can be"

Carolyn Jones & Jan Tee
Acting Co Chairs 2021