

## **Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS)**

### **Conflict of Interest Policy**

#### **Introduction**

This policy sets out the principles for Conflict of Interest within Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS). It is relevant to all within the association and is endorsed by the committee of Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS). It will be reviewed yearly to ensure that it remains appropriate to the Organisation and its volunteers needs.

As Committee Members and Trustees of Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS) we understand it is our duty to make decisions that are in the best interests of the Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS). We know that where any of us hold a personal or other interest, this will stop us from achieving this duty and acting in the best interest of our Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS).

#### **Applicability**

This applies to every elected members of the Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS) committee.

Our Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS) takes the following steps to identify and deal with any conflicts of interest:

- We make all new committee members aware of this policy.
- We ask all committee members to declare any conflict of interest:
  - 1) When they are appointed
  - 2) At the beginning of each meeting
  - 3) Whenever a committee member becomes aware of a possible conflict of interest
- Any committee member with an identified conflict of interest is asked to withdraw from any discussion of and/or vote on that issue.
- Where conflicts of interest arise we will detail in the minutes of the meeting how this has been addressed
- The Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS) will work to make sure there is a good mix of parents and staff across the school involved within the Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS). This will stop any one part of the school being overly-represented.
- Where decisions made may favour one year group, subject area or particular aspect of the school over others we will ensure we have consulted with our

members and over time will ensure that all aspects of the school will benefit equally.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS) committee prior to the AGM.

Signed and agreed by

Chairperson's name:

**Leanne Matthews**

Chairperson signature:

*Leanne Matthews*

Date:

**19th October 2023**

Date for review:

**19th October 2024**