

Dear Parent/carer,

Grange Park Youth Club was re-opened in April 2015 and since that time has provided the young people from the area a fun night to enjoy with their friends.

As you may be aware the club is run by a team of unpaid volunteers to support the cause.

Until recently any instances of staff absenteeism was never an issue, as there were sufficient leaders to cover. Following the departure of three members of the team over the past few months, we find ourselves stretched to the point whereby the absence of any leader has a dramatic effect on the ratio of leaders to attendees, which ideally needs to be preserved at 1 leader for every 10 young people.

Since re-opening in September, no less than 100 young people have attended the youth club, with an average of 8 new members looking to join each week.

Clearly this level of attendance is unsustainable, for the following reasons

- Health and safety
- Leader/attendee ratio
- Activity/attendee ratio

As things stand there may be a need to introduce a waiting list in order to effectively manage attendance levels. In the event that this becomes necessary, new attendees will be placed on the waiting list and will be contacted when a place becomes available for them to attend on a regular basis.

In order to avoid the need to close the club or limit the number of attendees, on any given night, we desperately require additional support.

I fully appreciate that many of you work and so feel that you can't commit on a regular basis, but if we were able to get a group of people together, then helping on a rota basis may become an option.

The main aim is to create a friendly environment for those people who matter the most, the young people of Grange Park.

The young people thoroughly enjoy their evening and indeed that also applies to the leaders who are able to join in many of the activities on offer, making for a very rewarding evening all round.

If you feel that you are able to provide support in any way, either on a regular basis or just occasionally, then please contact me via phone or e-mail, or alternatively come along on a Thursday evening to the Community Centre and speak with either myself or one of the other leaders.

Thank you.

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