

Welcome to Lyon Park Primary School's Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA)



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Welcome to your PTA

All Parents / Carers at Lyon Park Primary School are automatically a member now that your child has enrolled in the school. It's your association.

What is the PTFA?

The Parent Teacher Friends Association is an open community of parent volunteers working alongside the school / teachers / and other "friends" to benefit the school and ensure the best educational experience for all its pupils.

The PTA is a small charity that is independent from the school.

How does the PTFA benefit the school?

Parents / Carers have a big impact on how well their kids do at school. Taking an active role in your PTFA is one of the ways you can make a difference and get involved:

- Raise money to fund school initiatives through charity activities and events
- Provide a social support network for parents
- Provide a forum for parents / carers to have a say
- Provide volunteers and opportunities so that parents can support their child's learning.

Legalities

- Registered Charity.
- Managed separately to the school.
- Finances will be managed by the PTFA.
- Code of Conduct.
- Roles and Responsibilities.

Coming up: Summer Fair 2024

Target: Fundraising for educational resources for your children.

Event: Summer Fair

When: Tuesday 16th July 2024 from 3:45pm to 5:30pm

- Parents / Carers to help plan, organise & run the event
- Donations

Last year we raised over £2,500 (£1,000 for Eco-Committee & £1,000 for School Council).

Some common questions



“How can my skills be useful?”

Although a warm welcome is great, there's more to PTFA activities than home baking and serving tea:

- *Any* parent / carer can be a member, and *every* parent / carer has skills to bring, from graphic design to gardening; from events management to balancing the books; and from wrapping up lucky dip gifts to handing out flyers!
- Could you help?
- What skills do you have that we may need?

“How much time can I commit?”

- Some of our most active mums and dads work full-time, or have other commitments.
- If your child has younger siblings, the PTFA is a great way to familiarise them with their future school.
- We all have lives away from school, and it’s OK to say “no”.
- We will be looking at the PTFA meeting once a month.
- Examples of how you can commit, either at an event or behind the scenes, include:
 - contribute to a termly newsletter
 - promote easyfundraising / Amazon Smile
 - help with particular event [summer fair / film nights]

Doing things properly

Our PTFA is one of nearly 14,000 members of Parentkind.

Being a member provides us with advice and support, ensuring:

- we run our PTFA well according to good practice
 - our events are properly insured, legal and safe
- Visit parentkind.org.uk and subscribe for all the latest updates.

Want to join our PTFA?

- Please complete the 'Expression of Interest' form and hand into the school office by 17/05/2024.
- There will be an initial meeting week beginning 20/05/2024 to discuss the Summer Fair.





Any questions?

