



Totley Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

We had our first PTA (Parent Teachers Association) meeting last month and the number of new parents in attendance was the most we have seen in a long time, which was brilliant! Our PTA has been a hugely positive influence on school life in recent years, providing many enriching activities for the children and community and raising vital funds to improve the school environment. We would really like their work to continue within Totley Primary School and the only way this can happen is through the engagement of you – the parents.

The PTA ideally need at least one parent representative to attend every PTA meeting from each class. This can be a shared role, but if you could email pta@totley.sheffield.sch.uk if you would like to represent your class that would be much appreciated. Please give your name and class year and class name.

One parent has kindly allowed us to share their experience of their first PTA meeting, which you can read about below:

“As I walked into my very first PTA meeting, I wasn’t sure of what to expect. As the meeting was taking place during school hours for the first time, I was expecting a small crowd with some familiar faces and had planned to seamlessly blend in. I was a bit surprised when I walked into a much smaller group (nine, to be exact) huddled around a table -- and was greeted by warm smiles and encouraging nods. The cloak of jitters immediately fell away and I relaxed.

This is the PTA – a group of ordinary parents doing their bit to improve and enrich our kids’ experience at school. The meeting was remarkably organised and yet completely laidback, almost informal. As I tried to absorb the exchange of information amidst the tea and biscuits, I was asked to provide my input on various topics.

After the meeting came to a close, I realised that it was quite a pleasant experience and not at all scary or intimidating. There is no one pushing you to ‘volunteer’ for jobs and you get an insight into all the wonderful work that is being done behind the scenes for our collective benefit”.

If you would like to be involved, please send your email address to pta@totley.sheffield.sch.uk. You can be reassured that your details will not be given to any third party and will be used for the following communications:



- Inviting you to PTA meetings
- Requesting volunteers for school events
- Sending minutes of meetings

You may request to be removed from the mailing list at any time via the PTA email address.

The PTA meetings are held once a month, normally at the Cross Scythes at 7.30pm, although this can be up for discussion. The next meeting is coming up next week on **Monday 15th October**.

Everyone is also invited to the AGM, **which will take place at school on Monday 26th November at 6pm**. During the AGM, the committee will be re-elected. Please note that after doing a fantastic job in recent years, Rachel Barlow, the current Chair, will be stepping down. Whether you are interested in the position of Chair or any other role within the PTA, be it large or small, it would be great to see you there.

Current committee structure

Rachel Barlow - Chair - Parent Y6
 Liese Clayton - Vice Chair - Parent Y5
 Jo Davis - Treasurer - Parent Y4 & Y6
 Rachel Nunn - Secretary - Parent Y2

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

Ben Paxman

