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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Exciting News from the PTA!**

This week, we took the first steps towards an exciting relaunch of our Parent Teachers Association (PTA) here at school. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting or sent their apologies – your input is invaluable! If you'd like to catch up, the meeting minutes are available [https://www.whitegate.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/33454737](https://www.whitegate.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/33454737)

Now, let's talk about why the PTA is such an amazing part of school life – and how you can get involved!

### **What Is the PTA All About?**

The PTA is all about harnessing the power of our brilliant school community. It's where parents, teachers and friends of the school come together to enrich the lives of our children.

It's not just about fundraising – though that's a big part of what we do! Over the years, with your support, we've funded some incredible improvements, from the new school build, to the astroturf on the playground and even new tables and chairs in classrooms. This year, we've set an exciting target to raise £10,000 towards the ongoing new build project – and we'd love for you to join us in making it happen.

Plus, the PTA can propose new ideas for things we'd like to see in school, whether it's facilities, events or activities. It's a chance to make a real difference.

### **How Does It Work?**

When you join our school as a parent or guardian, you're automatically part of the PTA! This means you have the right to:

- Attend any meetings.
- View minutes and financial updates.
- Vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).



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- Even nominate yourself to join the PTA Executive Committee!

The committee meets 3-4 times a year (one meeting per term, which can be in-person, virtual, or hybrid), and we need at least 10 members to keep things running. These include key roles like Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and six committee members.

We want to create a PTA that's fun, inclusive, full of fresh ideas and committed to building a strong school community.

### What's Next?

We're relaunching the PTA with a fresh new name and a new approach – and we'd love your input!

### Here's how you can get involved:

- Suggest a New Name: A suggestion box will soon be placed in reception, so get your thinking caps on (and why not get your children involved too?).
- Event Ideas: What events do you love? What would you like to see? Tell us what's worked, what hasn't, and what could be amazing!
- Transparency: We're committed to showing you exactly where fundraising money goes, with regular updates and newsletters.

Save the date for our AGM: 11th March 2025 at 5:30pm, where we'll elect the new PTA team. Paperwork, nomination forms, and role descriptions will be sent out soon.

### More Ways to Help!

If running events isn't your thing, don't worry – there are so many ways to contribute! For example, our Oasis Garden could do with some TLC – think bug hotels, flower beds and a fresh new look. If you've got a green thumb (or just a bit of time to spare), we'd love to hear from you.

The PTA is a brilliant way to get involved, meet other parents and make a real impact. Whether you want to join the committee, volunteer at events, or help with a specific project, there's a role for everyone.



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I'm always happy to chat – you'll often find me on the playground in the mornings, or you can email school, and they'll pass your message on to me.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Kind regards,

Ben Ireson  
Parent Governor

