



The Kelvinside Academy Parent/Teacher Association (the PTA) is a vital part of the life of the school community, working to support the activities of the teaching staff and school management and to represent the interests of all parents and their children. It provides a place for information to be exchanged, for parents' concerns and opinions to be discussed in an informal setting and for events and services to be organised that will enhance the experience of the children.

One of the main tasks of the PTA is supporting the wide range of social activities arranged for pupils, from discos and tuck shops to barbecues and the school sports days. These events have a long history, and without the input of the PTA, they simply could not take place. Another very important activity central to all the PTA's work is fundraising. A portion of the money raised by events organised by the PTA goes into school funds, either to support existing fund-raising activities, such as the current refurbishment of Balgray, or more directly to support classroom activities through a system of small grants made to individual teachers. This money is used to upgrade resources, such as electrical equipment or play materials, which for some reason cannot be provided for out of regular funds.

Who makes up the PTA?

Any parent can consider themselves a member of the PTA, because no one has to apply, be elected or make a regular commitment in order to have something of value to offer. The committee meets once a month on Monday evenings for about an hour, to discuss a previously circulated set of minutes. Meetings are open for any parent to attend at any time and you do not have to attend meetings regularly to become involved in the PTA's work. As far as possible, each year group has a representative. This is a parent who has volunteered to act as a contact point, to gather opinions where appropriate, to pass on parents' views and concerns at meetings and to encourage people to help at events requiring a parent presence, such as discos and school concerts.

Meetings are generally attended by the Rector, the Head of Junior School and representatives of the teaching staff; and for the PTA, the Chair and/or the Vice Chair, the Secretary and Treasurer and any committee members or interested parents. Issues to be discussed are either put on the agenda in advance or are brought to the meeting on behalf of parents.

How to contact the PTA

If you have a concern that you would like the PTA to address, and which cannot be more appropriately dealt with by speaking to a teacher or the school management directly, you can contact any of the people listed below. As a general rule, the PTA concerns itself with matters that affect the well-being of the whole of the school community.

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| Chair | Tariq Ali | |
| Vice-Chair | Janet Miller | |
| Secretary | Yvonne Craig | yvonnelandsol@btinternet.com |
| Treasurer | Gail Johnstone | |
| Committee Members | | |

Did you know...?

- the Christmas Fayre is organised and largely staffed by the PTA
- the annual barbecue and all the catering at Sports Days is managed by the PTA
- the ball in May, which raised £40,000 for the refurbishment at Balgray, was organised by PTA members

The PTA makes a vital contribution and being involved allows parents to get to know how the school community operates. If you can offer any time or expertise, no matter how small it may seem to you, please get in touch.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BALL, BARBECUE, PARTIES, SPORTS DAY ETC.

A COPY OF THE LATEST MINUTES TO BE ADDED TO THE FOLDER EACH MONTH.