

NEWS

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RICHARD COBDEN PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Parents Association is an open community of parent volunteers working alongside the school, staff and other “friends” to benefit the school and ensure the best educational experience for all its pupils.

What value does your Parents Association bring to your School?

- **Fundraising** – whether it's paying for extras or essentials, every penny directly benefits our children
- **Fun** – our events are enjoyed by children, parents and school staff alike, and are a great way to bring the whole school community closer together
- **Parent voice** – discussing where PA money is spent, talking to staff and everything in between contributes to school decision-making

Meetings are held Tuesdays at 9am and Fridays at 2.30pm at the Learning Centre.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 17th December '19

- Christmas Fair

Friday 27th March 2020

- Charity fundraising event – Toilet Twinning

Friday 17th July 2020

- Summer Fair



<http://www.rcobden.camden.sch.uk/parents-association/>



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RCPA Members

parentkind.org.uk

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!

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We've raised **£100** so far with only 19 supporters signed up.

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Join us

There are many ways you can offer your talents and be part of the conversation. If you would like to chat about how you can volunteer and be a force for good at Richard Cobden, however much or little time you can spare, please get in touch!

Be certain that your help will be greatly appreciated and will make a big difference.



Richard Cobden
Parents Association

Parentkind
Member Association

Parent association summary of roles & responsibilities

Chairperson: Ruhie Fyjun Ali

The Chair provides leadership for the committee sets the agenda for meetings and manages meetings in line with the agenda. They ensure that the business of the association is conducted in accordance with the wishes of the representatives, to uphold the constitution and prepare and submit statutory reports to Regulatory Bodies if applicable. The Chair will work closely with the Treasurer and Secretary to ensure that the association is run effectively.

Vice Chair: Emma Hood

To support the chair in all aspects of their role, to ensure that the business of the association is conducted in accordance with the wishes of the representatives and to uphold the constitution.

Secretary: Nihal Farooq

The Secretary is a key committee member as they are responsible for ensuring effective communication links between committee members and between the association and the school. The Secretary deals with all the correspondence that the association receives and helps the Chair to ensure that committee meetings run smoothly, through arranging meetings, preparing and distributing agendas and minutes.

This requires good organisational and communication skills and being able to stick to deadlines.

Treasurer: Kulsuma Begum

A key role for all committee members is to manage and control the funds raised. Although all the committee members have equal responsibility for the control and management of funds, the Treasurer plays an important part in helping the committee carry out these duties properly by maintaining up-to-date records of all financial transactions.

Publicity Officer: Niema Hassen

A vital role within the association is promoting and communicating the work. The publicity officer must be an excellent communicator both in writing and in person, publicising events and fundraising initiatives.

Committee Members: Layla Suleymaan, Laura Churchill, Sarah Jafri, Rahwa Abreha, Sara Omani, Sama Mirza, Ayan Mohammed, Sadia Azizova, Androulla Kakoulakis

Committee Members work alongside the Officers. They attend meetings, get involved in planning, owning and running events, run smaller projects, shop for relevant resources, encourage participation and enthusiasm for the events organised by the association.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:

CLASS	REP	BACK-UP	CLASS	REP	BACK-UP
Nursery Larch	Nabila Amrani	<i>Vacant</i>	Nursery Laurel	Androulla Kakoulakis	Laurence Fella
Rec Oak	Aisha Chimwaji	Maryam Taghizaleh	Rec Ash	Nihal Farooq	Laura Churchill
1 Beach	<i>Vacant</i>	Emma Hood	1 Elm	Niema Hassen	Sama Mirza
2 Willow	Sara Omani	Ayan Mohammed	2 Sycamore	Bahriye Piskin	Ruhie Fyjun Ali
3 Hazel	Sadia Azizova	<i>Vacant</i>	3 Rowan	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
4 Maple	Layla Suleymaan	Sarah Jafri	4 Cedar	Sarah Jafri	Ruhie Fyjun Ali
5 Birch	Rahwa Abreha	<i>Vacant</i>	5 Linden	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
6 Jacaranda	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	6 Iroko	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>

Class Reps help build a sense of community among the class parents. They may run small projects for the school, organise stalls and helpers for Summer/Christmas Fairs and help where they can with events. They also liaise with the Class teacher to organise any cake sales etc for their year group.

Main duties:

- Create and maintain a parent class list, email distribution group/text message group where possible (this should be renewed each year in line the Data Protection Act rather than carried forward).
- Provide feedback and ideas from class to the RC Parent Association Committee.
- Welcome new parents to the School.
- Liaise with class teacher for any specific help required from the association.
- Help at and recruit volunteers for events.

Lots of us parents have skills we could offer to the school and to the parents association - from cooking and donating food for events, to website design, to working in an organisation who could help; all of which would contribute to the best educational experience for our children.

Please let us know of any skills you could offer or of any contacts you may have.