

NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 9th June 2023
14.30-15.15

- Join our first meeting at the learning centre after re-starting the PTA.
- Meetings to be held every 2 weeks alternating between a Monday & Friday afternoon.

*Regular meetings are subject to change where we are looking to include as many parents & teachers as possible.



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



WhatsApp group



Contact School office for RCPTA member contact details

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!

Richard Cobden Parent Teacher Association

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is an open community of parent & teacher volunteers working alongside the school community, to benefit the school and ensure the best educational experience for all its pupils.

What value does your Parent Teacher 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 PTA money is spent, talking to staff and everything in between contributes to school decision-making.

We have recently re-started our PTA at the AGM in May. Please find further details of the purpose and our members attached.

How can I help?

You can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

We've raised over **£500** with only 24 supporters signed up.

All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=210752&invite=NA9Q01&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=raisemore



Or by scanning this QR Code;

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.

Parentkind
Member Association

Summary of PTA, roles & responsibilities

Purpose of an association

- + An open group of parents/guardians/teachers - working towards a common goal; supporting the education of the children at our school and strengthening the school community.
- + With school funding cuts and falling budgets - school and parents working in partnership is the most positive way to raise money and secure the best educational experience for our children. Everything the association raises goes directly to providing for the school.
- + Studies have shown that there's a direct link between parental involvement at school and how well children do. When they see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.
- + You're automatically a member of the association as soon as your child starts - how involved you become is up to you.
- + We all have something to offer - the most important skill you can bring is a willingness to get stuck in

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: Laura Churchill

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: Fekir Mulaiy

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: Sara Omani, Suwez Bulhan, Sama Mirza, Scarlett Cookson

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: This is something we would like to organise; however, we need your help! Please come along to our meetings to let us know if you are interested in becoming a Class Rep or to get involved in any way you can.

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 Fayres 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 PTA 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 PTA - 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 if you know of any contacts you may have, to help.