



Claremont School PTA Covenant

Scheme

The Claremont School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) raises money for the benefit of the school and its pupils.

Funding for schools continues to be under enormous pressure from both central and local government. Claremont is a very well-run school, with excellent and prudent financial planning and budgeting but there is an increasing need to rely on funds raised by the PTA, and donated by parents, to provide items for school that the 'standard' school budget can no longer support.

Each year, the PTA runs fundraising events and then, together with the school management, decide how and when the money raised will be spent. As well as fund raising events, we also run the Claremont School PTA Covenant Scheme, through which you can donate money directly into the PTA fund.

The Claremont School PTA Covenant Scheme allows parents, grandparents or other supporters of the school to give money directly to the PTA. This can be through a single, one-off payment or on a more regular basis via a standing order. Financially this has two benefits for us; most significantly as a registered charity the PTA is able to reclaim Gift Aid on any donations made by UK taxpayers. This increases the amount we actually receive, at no extra cost to the donor. Also, regular covenant giving by standing order allows the school to plan spending more effectively.

We appreciate that in today's economic climate families' budgets are also tight but any donation, however small, is greatly appreciated and will go a long way to improving the learning environment for our children and the experiences they can enjoy at school.

In recent years, the profit from events organised by the PTA, and the money donated through the Covenant Scheme, have been used to support the school with funding the:

- Refurbishment of the Reception 'pen'
- Refurbishment of the Reception and Year 4/5 toilets
- Purchase of sports t shirts, outdoor equipment, books, chess sets, musical instruments
- Purchase of outdoor 'Buddy' benches and reading huts
- Annual subsidy of tickets to the Trinity Theatre Pantomime
- Running of Circus Week in Summer 2016
- Annual subscription for the Athletics computer programme

The school has asked the PTA to assist with funding the following large project this academic year:

- Purchase of 12 interactive whiteboards (one for each classroom) at a cost of approx. £3,000 each

Future project ideas for the school and PTA are the:

- Development of an outdoor learning area for the front and side of the school
- Purchase of individual storage lockers for cloakroom areas (approx. cost £24,000)
- Possible purchase of scooter 'pods' for the front of the school

If you are able to contribute to the Covenant Scheme, please complete the relevant forms contained in this pack and put them in the PTA box outside the main school reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

PTA Team