

Dear Families,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to all our new starters at Tollerton School.

We wanted to share how the COVID-19 pandemic and response has impacted the Friends of Tollerton School PTA and our capacity to support the school community. Over the summer term we should have held our biggest fundraisers, but restrictions meant we were unable to host many of the community-building activities that help support the school.

The main function of our PTA is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children. We provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable, such as new play equipment, iPads, scooters, and other additional resources. We also try to bring the communities of school and home closer together because it makes sense for parents to be involved in the life of their chosen school.

Due to current COVID guidance we are limited in staging social events for this term at least, but this doesn't mean we are unable to continue fundraising. It is now more important than ever for us to come together to work out how best to achieve this safely. With the new start to the academic year and with last year's Class 6s leaving for pastures new, we have had to say goodbye to long-standing members of our PTA.

How can you get involved?

The PTA is run by a committee who are all volunteers. We also have a PTA Task Force for those that would still like to help on an ad-hoc basis. We might sound like an abstract group of people, but we're parents, carers and friends – just like you. As you know, the more people that become involved, the more we can achieve.

Even if you have younger children at home, or only a small amount of time, could you dial into a meeting, help set up an event, or design a poster? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us with? You don't have to come into the school; many of our volunteering tasks can be done from home. Could you offer ideas and join our Committee or Task Force?

As always, if you have suggestions or questions, or are interested in joining the PTA Committee or Task Force this year, please don't hesitate to contact us either via our facebook page or by emailing chair@fotsnotts.org.uk

Thank you.

Friends of Tollerton School PTA