

# Welcome to Joseph Turner PTA



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# Welcome to your PTA



All parents and carers at Joseph Turner Primary school are automatically a member now that your child has enrolled in the school. It's your association.

## What is the PTA?

The Joseph Turner PTA is an open community of parent volunteers working alongside the school/teachers/and other “friends” to benefit the school and ensure the best educational experience for all its pupils.

The PTA is a small charity that is independent from the school.



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# How does the PTA benefit the school?

Parents and care givers have a big impact on how well their kids do at school. Taking an active role in your PTA is one of the ways you can make a difference and get involved:

- We raise money to fund school initiatives through charity activities and events
- We provide a social support network for parents
- We provide a forum for parents to have a say
- We provide volunteers and opportunities so that parents can support their child's learning.

# Coming up: Our goals for the year ahead

Target: New furniture for the classrooms



# “How can my skills be useful?”

Although a warm welcome is great, there's more to PTA activities than home baking and serving tea:

- *Any* parent can be a member, and *every* parent has skills to bring, from graphic design to gardening; from events management to balancing the books; and from wrapping up lucky dip gifts to handing out flyers!
- Could you help?
- What skills do you have that we may need?





# “How much time can I commit?”

- Some of our most active mums and dads work full-time, or have other commitments
- If your child has younger siblings, the PTA is a great way to familiarise them with their future school
- We all have lives away from school, and it's OK to say “no”
- Examples of how you can commit, either at an event or behind the scenes, include:
  - sort secondhand uniform
  - contribute to termly newsletter
  - promote easyfundraising/ Amazon Smile
  - help with particular event [summer fair / film nights]

# Doing things properly



Our PTA is one of nearly 14,000 members of Parentkind. Being a member provides us with advice and support, ensuring:

- we run our PTA well according to good practice
- our events are properly insured, legal and safe
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Any questions?

We are going to hold an annual general meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June where we will hold elections for the committee.

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