



Dear Parents and fellow FOSPS,

The current FOSPS Core Committee will be due for re-election at the AGM on Tuesday 21st September. We need volunteers to step forward as Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Chair. These are the key roles on the Committee (required by its Charity status) and simple job descriptions are attached at the end of this letter. The nomination process is simple – please email FOSPS2018@gmail.com if you would like to step forward for one of these roles.

The Committee needs new people to bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to this vital team. It works really well when a group of friends and like-minded parents take on the roles together to spread the load.

If we cannot find a new Committee, then the PTA will fold and this source of funding for the school will no longer be available (£15k in 2018-2019, £10k in 2019-2020, £8k in 2020-2021). All FOSPS organised activities will also cease.

Over the past 3 years, FOSPS fundraising has paid for:

- Curriculum music lessons
- Basic facilities such as stationery and toilet rolls
- Forest School improvements and equipment
- A full library refurbishment including an electronic library system
- Maths and ICT equipment
- Subsidised school trips
- Class 1 climbing frame
- Theatre Company Visits

Not forgetting the school discos, movie nights, cake sales and community events that the PTA have hosted: Community Time Capsule, Burns Night, Fashion Show and Car Boot Sale to name a few! The PTA also managed to organise events through the challenging COVID times we continue to face.

Please step forward and get involved now – your children need you!

Contact me or any member of FOSPS for more information

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FOSPS (PTA) Committee Roles

CHAIR

The Chair provides leadership for the committee, sets the agenda for meetings and manages meetings in line with the agenda. The Chair should ensure that issues are properly debated and an agreement is reached. It is important that the chair welcomes contributions from all members of the committee so that everyone feels involved.

The Chair will ensure that all new members feel welcome and their contributions valued. The Chair will introduce them to the other members and encourage them to play an active part in the discussions at committee meetings. To ensure the smooth running of meetings the Chair must remain impartial and make sure that all parties have a voice and the opportunity to participate in decision-making.

Job function

To ensure that the business of the PTA is conducted in accordance with the wishes of the representatives of the PTA, to uphold the constitution of the PTA, and prepare and submit statutory reports to Regulatory Bodies

Main duties:

- Provide leadership
- Sign the approved minutes of the last meeting
- Set the agenda for meetings
- Get to know members of the committee
- Run meetings in an efficient and timely manner ensuring that everyone is able to contribute
- Agree a date for the next meeting
- Welcome and involve new members
- Write the annual report in cooperation with the Secretary
- Sign cheques for the PTA with one other committee member

VICE-CHAIR

The support provided by the Vice-Chair is invaluable. Deputising for the Chairperson when necessary, the Vice-Chair helps to ensure that the Committee and all of the events continue to run smoothly. As with the Chair, leadership, enthusiasm and energy are necessary qualities for this post.

Job Function

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

Main duties

- To chair meeting in the absence of the Chair
- To draw up annual PTA programme in consultation with the Chair.
- To prepare meeting agendas by consulting with the PTA Chair.
- To lead parent and wider school community engagement in PTA (class representatives, use of local contacts and skills).
- To prepare with the Chair the PTA annual report for the Annual General Meeting.

SECRETARY

The Secretary ensures that the PTA runs smoothly and provides a link between Committee Members and the PTA, and between the PTA and the School. This requires good organisational and communication skills and being able to stick to deadlines.

Job function

The Secretary is a key committee member as they are responsible for ensuring effective communication links between committee members and between the PTA and the school. The Secretary deals with all the correspondence that the PTA receives and helps the Chair ensure that committee meetings run smoothly. Building up a good relationship with the school Secretary will help make sure that correspondence, sent to the school, is passed onto the PTA promptly.

As well as dealing with correspondence, following a committee meeting, the Secretary will need to make bookings and other arrangements for events. Confirm arrangements made by telephone in writing (by letter or e-mail). The Secretary will make arrangements for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and help the Chair prepare the annual report. The Secretary may also be involved in co-signing cheques on behalf of the PTA.

Main duties:

- Deal with correspondence
- Arrange meetings
- Prepare and distribute agendas
- Take the minutes of meetings, type them up and distribute them
- Ensure that enough committee members are present to make the meeting quorate
- Write the annual report with the Chair
- Preparation and distribution of newsletters and other communications to parents
- Preparation of publicity flyers, posters, tickets, etc. for events

TREASURER

A key role for all committee members is to manage and control the funds the PTA raises. Although all the committee members have equal responsibility for the control and management of PTA funds the Treasurer plays an important part in helping the committee carry out these duties properly.

Job function

To maintain up-to-date records of all PTA financial transactions

Main duties:

- Day-to-day management of accounts, including issuing bills and receipts on behalf of the PTA and making payments.
- To prepare and update financial ledgers on a regular basis.
- To complete banking transactions on a regular basis.
- To organise floats for fundraising events, collect and reconcile monies raised at these events and report totals raised to the appropriate stakeholders. Money raised at school events will be locked in the school safe after the event.
- To prepare and report financial statements at PTA Meetings.
- To prepare a concise Financial Report for the Annual General Meeting.
- Charity registration and Gift Aid