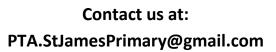


St James's RC School PTA

Raising funds for our children Registered Charity No. 1057497





10 reasons why we need your help!

As parents, you are AUTOMATICALLY a member of the PTA... your voice counts.

Our PTA depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children reach their final year and leave, so do their parents. The teachers and head support us when possible, but without all your support, we have no PTA – **WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT**.

The PTA is a mixture of parents that work together for the benefit of St James's. Some are full-time parents, some work part-time or work full-time. NONE of us are specialists in fundraising.

Taking an active role with the PTA is critical to your children's success, so we've compiled a list of 10 reasons why helping the PTA will greatly improve your child's experience of school.

- 1. **You are vital to the success of the school** Without the funds raised by the PTA, your child would not get the benefits of: Sports coaches, classroom allowances and the caterpillar/butterfly project.
 - 2. It's TOTALLY flexible! There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved from designing a poster, setting up an event, helping out on a stall...so many ways.
 - Giving up just 30 minutes of your time to help the PTA is invaluable. If everyone could spare 30 minutes a term to help, just think what we could achieve!
 - You don't have to attend PTA meetings you can use our contact details to forward ideas.
 - 3. **You'll feel more connected** There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.
 - 4. **You'll be part of a great network -** Every PTA event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you. You will be part of a like-minded network of people who all share a common goal of improving the school for all our children.
 - 5. Make a difference By volunteering to help the PTA, you'll be able to use whatever skills you have for a noble cause. Our PTA strives to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school.
 - 6. We're not just for mums! It's important to our PTA, our school and our pupils to have dads represented on our committee and to help reach out to other dads. Are you a dad with a skill that would come in useful?
- 7. **Be a role model** By getting involved with our PTA, you'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well. Your children will see you playing an active part in making their education more varied.
- 8. What the PTA does affects every parent (and pupil) your voice matters the PTA is made up of people elected to represent you, so help us to do this effectively.
 - Your ideas & involvement can help improve the quality of education for all the children at our school.
- 9. It's fun! Help plan fun events, socials and get-togethers & suggest NEW ways to raise funds
- 10. **Finally...** Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. PTA events such as the summer and Christmas fairs and school trips will be remembered fondly by our children and the equipment and resources the PTA helps fund make learning even more engaging for them.

Without your support there will be no PTA!