



Welcome to the
Robert Bloomfield Academy
Parent-Staff Association



Why do we have a PSA Committee?

We are fortunate at our school to have a Committee that is and has been an integral part of the school community for many years. In its time the committee has raised thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities.

Our committee is about much more than simply fundraising. The committee exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It is fun too - just ask any of the Committee members or helpers, and when challenges occur the continued support of parents and staff ensure our committee has always succeeded in its efforts.

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. The committee is extremely conscious of the ethos and diversity of our school, we try very hard when organising and planning events to respect this.

Role of the Committee

Our committee consists of three Officers: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We also have a number of ordinary committee members to make up the full committee.

The Committee meet on a regular basis usually once or twice per term, with smaller working groups meeting as necessary when we are planning larger events.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting is held at the beginning of the academic year and provides an opportunity for all parents to come along and hear in more detail about the work of the committee, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. It is also the occasion when we elect our new committee members and class representatives.

The 2017 AGM will be held in October, we will update you with the date once it has been agreed. Please feel free to come along, listen and hopefully get involved.

How do we raise money?

Like most committees, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are:

- ▶ Winter Fayre
- ▶ School Discos
- ▶ Summer Fete
- ▶ Christmas Lights
- ▶ Bi-Annual Auction of Promises
- ▶ Spring Sports

We always try and respond to the children's requests; it is great to see them having fun at the events or enjoying using a piece of new equipment that the committee has donated.

Donations from parents are extremely important. You can donate time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes or offers of services and skills.

How we spend the money we raise

Following a fundraising event the money is banked straight away. It is at our Committee meetings, that the decisions on how to spend the money are agreed.

Usually, the School's Representatives will have a 'wish list' of items that the school would like the committee to consider funding. Sometimes, this will be as a result of the children asking for something.

The funds are spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Our Constitution commits the Committee to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly.

We always endeavour to spend our funds in ways that will benefit all our children across all areas of the school and curriculum. Many of the resources purchased have a direct link to the School Improvement Plan.

At the back of this booklet is a list of items donated to the school during the past couple of years and the amounts raised from various events – we think you will be impressed.

How can you get involved?

There are lots of ways you can help and support your child through the Robert Bloomfield Academy PSA.

Offering to help before events or at other times during the year is so valuable. It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis, or even if you cannot come into school. There are always jobs that can be done from home if you have half an hour to spare e.g. wrapping gifts, preparing raffle tickets etc. We really couldn't achieve what we do without the behind the scenes help that we receive.

If you would like to be more involved you can volunteer to be a volunteer or Committee Member. Or you can simply support the AGM and give us your ideas for fundraising events. This is also the time to ask questions or voice your opinion.

You can help by letting us know if you have any contacts or skills we could use, everything is potentially valuable to us.

Finally, we are always extremely grateful to receive donations.

How funds have been used

- ▶ School Benches
- ▶ Drama Studio Curtains
- ▶ Books for Robotics Club
- ▶ Football Goals
- ▶ Cheerleading Kit
- ▶ Various PE Equipment
- ▶ Aprons for Cooking
- ▶ Leaflet Stand
- ▶ Michael Fish Visit
- ▶ Cricket Nets
- ▶ Lego Mind Storms
- ▶ Art Aprons
- ▶ Netball Bibs and Nets
- ▶ Sublimation Printer
- ▶ Accelerated Reading Scheme
- ▶ Author Day

and many other requests that have been forthcoming from the school.

Contact Details

If you would like further details about the PSA in the first instance please contact:

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