

Dear parent

RE: GPPSA: Make or Break. AGM Meeting Monday 3 October, 7pm.

Unfortunately as it currently stands, the GPPSA at Grange Park Primary will no longer be able to continue after 3 October 2022. To run as a charity, our Parents Association needs a new Chair who is responsible for running the committee and we also need new committee members for our Main Events team and a second Treasurer.

Over the past 7 years we have raised over £200,000 which has helped pay for:

- Sound proofing the dining hall
- A new sound system
- A pond
- A Forest School- new hedges, plants, pathways
- 3 sets of 30 electronic portable devices (90 total)
- New 75 inch LCD screens for the classrooms
- The new fire pit for use when the children have their sleepovers
- Playground markings
- New books for the ReadingHub
- Complete refurbishment of the Reading Hub
- New canvasses for the school
- Enterprise projects
- Christmas Presents
- The list goes on...

What would no Parents Association mean to our school?

No extra kids/adults' activities – this includes the Christmas Fayre, Summer Festival, Discos, Picnics, Personalised Christmas Cards, Cookie sales, Dress Up days and Parents Quiz Night to name but a few. We cannot fund the proposed new Farm at the school – The children have all said that they would really like a farm at our school. Research shows that farms create a nurturing environment for children and include benefits, such as enhanced knowledge regarding diet and well being, sustainability, builds confidence and is a great source of learning outside of the classroom.

The school would not be able to fund without us, all of which gives our children at Grange Park learning advantages over other schools. You will be amazed at what the school budget cannot cover now!

Without the GPPSA all this will STOP.



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What can you do to help ensure we can continue?

Firstly we need to fill the Chair role. To be a Chair you need to be organised, have leadership skills, be proactive and be able to lead the committee in the fundraising activities that are planned across the academic year. It would also really help the treasurer to have another committee member so if you have a finance background and can help please do come forward. We need you!

Secondly we need more people to join the **GPPSA Main Events Team Committee**. Out of a school of 840+ children, we currently have less than 9 members, we used to be 15+ strong!

We need new members to come to our monthly meetings on a **Friday at 2pm** at the school, bringing new skills and enthusiasm and whatever time you can give. Many of the jobs we do can be done in the evenings while at home, as WE ALL work, look after kids and have other commitments.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in the school at **7.00pm** on **Monday 3 October 2022.** Please come and join us so that the GPPSA can continue to make a difference. Please indicate on this form whether or not you can attend.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards

GPPSA Committee