

What is the PTA Teachers Association (PTA)

The PTA brings together parents and teachers in order to provide an opportunity for everyone to work towards a common goal.

The PTA can help to develop strong links between home and school. The PTA is an independent body which differs from the school governors.

The PTA is about parental and community involvement in the development of our school

The PTA is about creating a space for parents and carers to come together to discuss issues that affect our children and find solutions.

The PTA is about encouraging parents and carers to be active in the decision making process within the school.

The PTA is about raising the educational standard within the school through parental and carers contributions.

What does the PTA do?

The PTA organize meetings to inform parents about education issues, especially when changes are taking place. We have at least one general meeting every term to which all parents and staff are invited to attend. They usually last between an hour and an hour and a half. The general meetings focus on issues that really matter to the children and the school. We share opinions and highlight things that we might be concerned about. The Head and or the Deputy attend the meeting to answer questions about what is happening in the school generally.

The PTA engages in activities that support the school and advances the education of the pupils. The PTA raises money to support the school and assist in the provision of facilities or items for the education of the school not provided from statutory funds.

The PTA provides a voice for pupils and their parents provides workshops, supports new and existing parents.

Who are the Elected Executive members?

Chairperson:	Ms Njeri Yebiemen
Assistant Chairperson:	Ms Denise Noel
Treasurer:	Ms Sheila McLean-Linque
Secretary:	Sis Nkechi Ode
Assistant Secretary:	Ms Barbara Chandler

The following events are being planned for the Academic year 2007-2008.

- **Conflict Resolution workshop**

This will incorporate a Children's Debate Session and aims to teach children how to deal with issues in an appropriate way that does not cause emotional and physical harm to others or themselves.

- **Concert**

Fund raising social event to be confirmed

- **Teacher Appreciation Award**

The teacher appreciate award is an opportunity for students to give awards to teachers that have made a positive contribution to their learning and personal development.

- **PTA Newsletter**

This will be produced once every three months and will inform parents of dates, what is happening and what is planned. Contributions are welcomed from Parents, Students and Teachers.

What can parents do?

- Educating our children is a shared responsibility between parents and the school. Therefore, the success of the PTA will be the joint partnership that is forged with parents and teachers.
- By working together collectively, we can improve the educational attainment of our children. This can foster a positive and stimulating learning environment that, our children can value and respect.
- The more visible and involved the parent/s is within the educational system, the benefit to the child/ren is greatly improved in terms of building their confidence and self esteem.
- Parents could support students by spending time in the school, participating in morning worship,
- Contributing to assembly's,
- Networking with other parents,
- Taking extra curriculum activities,
- Organising social events,
- Teaching a musical instrument,
- Working on performing arts,
- Helping students to improve their reading skills.
- Parents are also encouraged to attend school trips
- Parents are encouraged to use the school Complaints Procedure to address any grievances they may have.
- We value your full support and urge you to attend all the workshops and also to take the opportunity to participate in the activities. We welcome your contributions and look forward to seeing you at the launch of the PTA.

For further information please contact PTA Secretary Nkechi Ode on: 0794 123 2765.