



Grange Park
Primary School
Association

It's Make or Break!

Unfortunately as it currently stands the GPPSA at Grange Park Primary will no longer be able to continue after 14th October 2020. To run as a charity our Parents Association needs to fill the three main roles - Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and it's the roles of Chair and Treasurer that we currently have no one to fill after the AGM in October 2020.

Over the past five years we have raised just over £115,000 which has helped pay for:

- 3 sets of 30 electronic portable devices (90 total)
- 8 new 75 inch LCD screens for the Y3 & Y4 classrooms
- The new fire pit for use when the children have their sleepovers
- New canvasses for the school, enterprise projects
- Workshops and class trips
- New reception playgrounds, last year new playground markings and the refurbishment of the reading hub.
- Helping Grange Park to become more of a forestry school – new hedges, plants and pathways, and the list goes on...

What would no Parents Association mean to our school?

No new portable electronic devices or LCD screens – the school still needs at least another 60 devices and 12 screens to bring all the classrooms up to date.

No extra kids/adults' activities – this includes the Christmas Fayre, Summer Festival, Discos, Cake Sales, Personalised Christmas Cards, Sportathons, Parents Quiz Night to name but a few.

No new sports equipment – we are currently trying to pay for all new outdoors sports equipment for each year group when needed.

No new books for the library – we are helping the school to restock the library so that whenever a child visits, they can take out a book at their reading level. The money we raise pays for some of these books.

No forest school – moving into 2021 Grange Park would like become more of a forestry school with a new pond, wildlife area, new planters, new hedging....the list goes on to improve our school.

No further updates to equipment or extras that gives our kids any kind of academic or personal advantages – we pay for many things, as listed above, that 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.

What can you do to help ensure we can continue?

Firstly we need to fill our Chair and Treasurer roles. This can be done by one person or a group of people. To be Chair or co-Chairs you need to provide leadership, be organised, set the agenda and run meetings, meet with the head quarterly to talk about the GPPSA and how funds are being spent but most importantly be passionate about fundraising for our school. For treasurer, you don't need to be an accountant, you just need some skills with spreadsheets, be organised, good with numbers and money, and one person needs to be able to submit our year end accounts to the Charity Commission.

Secondly we need more people to join the GPPSA committee. Out of a school of 840+ children, we currently have 8 members, we use to be 15+ strong! We need new members to come to our monthly meetings, 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.

Please Help! If Not You, Then Who?

To contact us please email gppsa@hotmail.co.uk or speak to one of the committee directly – we don't bite! We really want to be able to continue the great work of supporting the school and enriching the lives of the children at our fantastic school.

Thank you
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GPPSA Co-Chairs