

Good afternoon Parents, Carers, Teachers and Staff

Thank you for attending the Hazeldown School PTA EGM today.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote on the proposal to adopt the ParentKind Model Constitution and to amend the PTA's name from Hazeldown School PTA to Hazeldown Extended Schools PTA.

We recently sent out notification of our EGM and a follow up email outlining the reasons why we are holding it.

Just to remind you, Hazeldown School has expanded over recent years to set up the Breakfast & After School Clubs and has now opened a new nursery and pre-school. The PTA has been approached by the school about embracing these areas as well, to help raise and fund vital resources to enhance your child's education, as it currently does with the school.

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a registered charity and was set up many years ago to fund raise on behalf of the school and provide some of the extra's that the school budget can't. The PTA is governed by a constitution which sets out the way in which it operates ie what committee members it should have, how it accounts for funds raised and spent, how and when it should meet etc.

When we investigated the legalities of updating the PTA to reflect the proposed changes, it was discovered that our constitution was done in 1996. Obviously, legislation has changed significantly since then so we really need to adopt a new constitution that brings us into line going forwards.

The PTA is a member of ParentKind which is an organisation that provides information, advice and insurance to PTAs. ParentKind have a model constitution, that has been pre-approved by the Charities Commission, which we can adopt and will help us fulfil our obligations in the future. If adopted it will be registered with the Charities Commission. A copy of the proposed model constitution has been available in the school reception for you to view ahead of the EGM.

Why an EGM - the PTA must hold an AGM (annual general meeting) each year to elect a committee for that year. We held this in November 2019. As these proposed changes are significant to the way the PTA operates and the AGM has already been held, we need to have an EGM (extraordinary general meeting) to make the proposed changes.

In order for the PTA to better reflect the new "whole school" in what we do, we need to update our governing constitution. We will also be proposing to amending our name from Hazeldown School PTA to Hazeldown Extended Schools PTA to show that we embrace the school, the pre-school and nursery and the Breakfast & After School Clubs. In future we will be funding resources across all these areas.

EVERY parent, carer, teacher and member of school staff is automatically a member of the PTA and EVERY child will benefit from the resources that PTA funding provides during their time at the school.

It is your school and your child's education, so please help us make a difference!

Ellen Palmer
Chair
Hazeldown School PTA