

Your PTA Needs YOU!

We have a number of vacancies to fill this year and we'd love you to get involved! Without our volunteers we would be unable to provide the wonderful events that take place throughout the year. All parents/guardians of children attending Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together National School are members of the PTA, there are also a number of committees which require volunteers - each one offering help and support to the children and the school in whatever way they can.

The PTA Committee

About us: The PTA Committee is responsible for representing the parents of MPETNS and managing the activities of the PTA. The PTA finances the activities of the PTA through fundraising and members are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM.)

The purpose of the PTA is to provide a structure through which the parents/guardians of children attending MPETNS can work together for the best possible education for their children. The PTA works with the Principal, staff and Board of Management to build effective partnership between home and school.

What we do: We organise parent coffee mornings, Growing Up Day, Junior Infants playdate, Graduation Day, support with other social events and share updates from the National Parents Council. We manage parent whatsapp groups and arrange winter and summer gifts for staff.

When we meet: Once a month throughout the school year. Meetings take approximately 60-90 minutes, with a meeting agenda, which can be remote or in-person on the school grounds. We also have ad hoc meetings throughout the school year to prepare and support events if and when needed.

Sub-Committees

Social & Fundraising Committee

What we do: We're responsible for all the fun events that happen outside of school hours! In the past few years we have organised race nights, a music bingo night, a busking night, quiz nights, the FANTASTIC Winter Wonderland, Back To School Celebrations, sponsored walks, school calendars and cards. This is a really busy, active group and while no special skills are needed, we definitely welcome new members with time, energy and lots of ideas! There are no fixed meeting times, but before an event there might be lots of in-person and virtual meetings. It's a great group to be part of, and we're always delighted to get new members with new ideas!

To get involved contact: fundraising@mpetns.ie

Afterschool Committee

What we do: We organise fun and educational after school activities for children that attend MPETNS. Over the years we have provided Irish dancing, yoga, art, basketball, football, pickleball, music and drama. The Committee is made up entirely of parent volunteers, requiring 3-4 in order to run efficiently as well as Garda Vetted Volunteers that can help out during the week. The committee liaises with the after school teachers, makes sure applications are complete and presented to the PTA and Board for approval, organises rooms, recruits and organises Garda Vetted Volunteers. The beginning and end of the school year is the busiest time for the committee. We look forward to welcoming new members!

To get involved contact: afterschool@mpetns.ie

Policy Committee

What we do: This committee gives parental input into the school's policies when they are being drafted or reviewed. There are no actual committee meetings; instead each member makes their own independent suggestions.

To get involved contact: pta@mpetns.ie

6th Class Graduation Committee

What we do: Last year we organised our first 6th Class Graduation, working with the school to give our 6th Class students a day to remember as they graduated from MPETNS. We organised leaver's hoodies, a celebration picnic in our secret garden and prepared decorations for the Graduation Ceremony. The graduation takes place in June and requires volunteers to begin preparations from April - June and to be available to set up on the day of graduation. This is a really special event to be involved with and we look forward to welcoming new members.

To get involved contact: pta@mpetns.ie

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Garda Vetted Volunteers

Volunteer for school events, school tours and after school clubs. Please contact info@mpetns.ie for more information and to arrange to be garda vetted through Educate Together.

Parent Information Book

Reviewing, updating and maintaining our Parent Information Guide about the local area and amenities. Please contact pta@mpetns.ie if you have a few hours available in the year to support us with this.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

#1. Children benefit

The PTA is dedicated to the children's educational success, health and wellbeing through strong family and community engagement. Research shows that children benefit greatly when parents/guardians participate and engage with school activities.

#2. The School benefits

The PTA strives to support the school through fundraising and organising events, contributing to the positive and caring atmosphere at MPETNS.

#3. Make connections

Get to know the staff and members of the school community better and make lifelong friends with other parents at the school.

#4. It's good for you!

Socializing with other parents and volunteering to do good for your child's school is fun, healthy and rewarding! It also allows you to contribute your skills and knowledge for your child's benefit!

There are lots of different skills and ways to support the school - are you a photographer, a gardener or a graphic designer? Do you like baking, drawing or craft work? Can you type, sew or juggle or tell the children about what you do? We'd love to hear from you!

If you are interested or have a few questions about any of the PTA committees please get in touch.

Email us at pta_secretary@mpetns.ie if you would like to nominate yourself for the PTA Committee or contact the relevant sub-committee contacts (detailed above) if you are interested in supporting one of them.

We look forward to hearing from you!