

Aldryngton School PTA

Registered Charity No. 1026094

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Dear PTA Members,

PTA Year Links – Summer Term 2021

The PTA are now recruiting PTA Year Links.

Between 2015 and 2020, the PTA appointed class representatives who played a vital role of linking parents and the PTA Committee. In order to help maintain the supportive community which has been affected by the pandemic, the PTA decided to re-introduce the role and call them "PTA Year Links".

In addition to their vital role of linking parents and the PTA Committee, the PTA will ask our new group of **PTA Year Links** to be a point of contact for PTA members in their year and facilitate the PTA members to connect with others to share information about the school community. The support from **PTA Year Links** is particularly important for the success and sustainability of PTA fundraising activities which brings essential funding to help the school.

The PTA is looking to appoint two PTA Year Links for each year (Foundation / Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3 / Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6). The duration of the role will be from the beginning of Summer Term 2022 to the end of Summer Term 2022. From September 2022, the duration of the role will be one academic year.

If you are interested in becoming a **PTA Year Link**, please contact us by **Friday the 25th of March** at <u>yearlinks@aldryngtonpta.com</u>. You will be very welcome also to come to one of the PTA coffee mornings to ask questions and learn more about the role from the PTA officers who will be there.

What specifically do PTA Year Links do?

- Circulate PTA news to parents in their year (e.g. using WhatsApp groups)
- Encourage parents in their year to participate and volunteer in PTA events and activities
- Pass on feedback from parents in their year about PTA events and activities to the PTA Committee.
- Help to connect PTA members with others in the school community with support from other **PTA Year Links**, PTA officers, and the others in the school community.
- Are encouraged to attend PTA Coffee Mornings (but this is not an obligation).
- Are encouraged to help organise PTA Coffee Mornings (but this is not an obligation).
- Are encouraged to attend the AGM and PTA Committee meetings (but this is not an obligation).

*PTA Year Links are not to be used to communicate concerns to the school on behalf of other parents. This should be done directly between the parents themselves and the school.

No particular skills are required however it is helpful if candidates are at school frequently enough to know other parents, pupils and staff. The **PTA Year Link** role would suit individuals who are sociable and are interested in helping others in the school community. The PTA will try their best to provide plenty of support for the volunteers for this important role and hope they will find the role interesting and rewarding.

Thank you, PTA