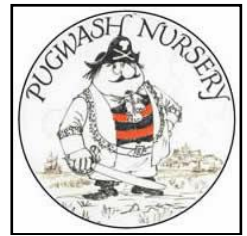




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**From: PTA of Rye Community Primary & Pugwash Nursery**

**To: all parents and carers of students at Rye Community Primary School and Pugwash Nursery**

**Ref: PTA to stop any support and activities until further notice**

Dear Parent or Carer,

The PTA of Rye Primary School and Pugwash Nursery had organised its annual general meeting (AGM) to take place on Tuesday 30th October at 3.15pm, but due to the lack of attendance from parents and carers, the minimum number of participants was not reached and the meeting could not take place. Only one parent and one grand-parent attended, on top of the three current PTA officers. There are over 420 pupils in total in Rye Primary and Pugwash Nursery and we needed to have at least 9 parents or carers present.

What does this mean for the PTA?

The PTA has to hold an AGM on a yearly basis as part of its constitution to be able to carry on its activities, and therefore we now have to stop all activities until an AGM can be held. This means that unfortunately there will be no Christmas Fair at school this year and no Christmas presents from Santa, as these have always been organised and funded by the PTA in the past.

What does the PTA do?

The PTA is a group of volunteer parents, grandparents or carers of students of Rye Primary School and Pugwash Nursery working together to organise fun events for the children and to raise essential funds to help the school with trips and other fun educational activities and projects and with attendance money and classroom money etc. Thanks to the PTA's work, the cost of school trips for parents has been much less. Over the last couple of years, we have seen a drop in the number of people happy to give a hand and this has meant that the current officers and volunteers have had to dedicate more hours to be able to still offer a Christmas Fair, a Summer Fair, to develop the willow garden, the sensory garden etc.

What might happen in the future?

If the PTA stops its activities, there will be no more fairs, as the school does not have the capacity to organise these themselves. The lack of funds raised at the fairs will mean that the PTA will sadly not be able to pay for the Christmas presents, the attendance awards, the classroom money and more. It will not be able to contribute funds to help pay for storytellers, school trips, bus to PGL, development of the outdoor areas, purchase of equipment etc. It will have a big impact on the experience our children have at school and it will mean that school trips will become significantly more expensive for parents.

What can parents and carers do?

For the PTA to return to its role, an AGM needs to be held. We propose that this takes place on January 15th at 3.15pm (location TBC). If there are not enough attendees on that day, the PTA will dissolve.

If we are able to hold an AGM in January, we will also need more parents and carers to join us and become active members, even if only volunteering a few hours per year. We realise that not all parents are able to help due to other commitments, but three or four volunteers cannot continue to organise all the PTA activities without more support.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie, Colleen and Caroline, PTA officers

