

Parent/Guardian Teacher Association (PGTA)

Background to the Rush and Lusk Educate Together PGTA and Committee

About the PGTA

Every parent/guardian of a child/children attending Rush and Lusk Educate Together National School is automatically deemed to be a member of the PGTA. The role of the PGTA is set out in its Constitution. To read the Constitution click [here](#).

About the PGTA Committee

Early on in every academic year (usually by mid-October) an Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held. All parents/guardians, Board of Management and staff are invited to attend this meeting, at which a report of the previous year's activities is outlined, including a financial report.

At the AGM, a new committee is established, comprising of any parent/guardian wishing to be involved. The committee also includes at least two staff representatives, who are elected from within the staff body. The Principal is also automatically a member of the PGTA Committee. At its first meeting after the AGM the Committee elects three officers - a Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers ensure Committee meetings operate in accordance with the Standing Orders. For more information on PGTA Standing Orders click [here](#).

The committee provides a structure through which parents/guardians and teachers work together to promote positive experiences for all our school children. To achieve this, the PGTA partners with the Principal, staff, Board of Management, student council and all sub-committees, in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1998. The Committee also promotes the school by linking into the local and wider community.

PGTA Committee Programme of Activities

Each year the Committee plans a programme of activities, in consultation with the principal and staff and with Board of Management approval. The aim of the programme is to:

- Support incoming (junior infants) and outgoing (6th class) pupils and parents/guardians;
- Assist with extra-curricular activities;
- Organise fundraising events;
- Provide networking opportunities for parents/guardians;
- Facilitate parental/guardian involvement in school activities;
- Provide support to the principal and BoM;
- Work with pupil-led committees in the school, such as the Student Council.

The Committee plans all activities for the year ahead and circulates this information, along with any other relevant news, to the school community. Sub-committees are set up to help deliver each activity on the programme.

Current Membership of the PGTA Committee

Parent/Guardian representatives:

Adele Byrne (Chair)
Gillian McCloskey (Treasurer)
Elaine McCaffrey (Secretary)
Siobhan Connor
Sara Kavanagh
Louise Prendergast
Brian Guilfoyle
Tina Gonzales
Killian Farrell
Alva Duffy
Justin Dawson
Amanda Byrne

Leslie Ann Nicolau
Joe Sullivan

Staff Representatives:

Noel Reilly, Principal
Marian O'Brien
Louise Dubos
Michelle O'Driscoll
Conor Bredin

Contact the PGTA Committee

Would you like to ask the Committee a question? Do you have some suggestions for the programme of activities? If so, the Committee would love to hear from you and can be contacted by email at the following address: pgta@ralet.ie
Alternatively you can contact the school office on 01-843 0525.