

**FRIENDS OF JRI & JRJ SCHOOLS
PTA AGM MINUTES
TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER VIRTUAL MEETING**

PRESENT

Lynn Blanche (current chairperson)
Lynne Hurry (current treasurer)
Claire Marsh (current secretary)
Laura Holmes (current vice chair)
Jodie Dodd (current vice treasurer)
Karen Harrison
Kerrie Felstead (current vice secretary)
Alex Darvill
Laura Hanratta
Louise Smith
Leanne Carr
Claire Ellis
Joanne Dansey
Amy Tatam

APOLOGIES

Kate Mills
Catherine Rushen

CHAIRPERSON STATEMENT

As attached

TREASURER REPORT

As attached

COVID 19

Both Karen Harrison and Kate Mills had communicated their concern with regard to the current pandemic of covid 19. From March 2020 our events were cancelled due to lockdowns and social distance measures put into place. They do not know when these measures will be over, this therefore means we can not hold events in school that put the children, staff and parents at risk.

The future of the PTA

There was concern from both Kate Mills and Karen Harrison prior to the AGM regarding the future of the PTA. As the current chair Lynn will be leaving the committee as her son moving onto secondary school. The lack of volunteers, small committee, and then struggle to put on events and for these events to be well attended. At the meeting Karen suggested that the school could not see the situation to change before the end of the summer term in July. She suggested that the PTA was disbanded till then and at this point revisit whether the schools would restart it. Lynn suggested that as the AGM was attended by new parents wanting to

get involved and hold committee positions and that it would seem silly to shut everything down like insurance and accounts to then go through the rigmarole of reopening them in a few months that for us to elect a new committee but for the PTA to be rested till such a time when they could start putting on events. Both Karen and Alex in Kates Absence agreed. It was suggested that maybe some events away from the schools could possibly be arranged.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Chairperson – Laura Holmes
Vice Chairperson – Kerrie Felstead
Treasurer – Jodie Dodd
Vice Treasurer – Louise Smith
Secretary – Claire Marsh
Vice Secretary – Amy Tatam
Junior Representative- Karen Harrison
Infant representative – Kate Mills

OTHER BUSINESS

It is with much sadness that Lynn Blanche and Lynne Hurry are both leaving the committee. Lynn has been on the PTA for 5 years and has raised lots of funds for both schools. Lynne has also been on the committee for some years and helped raised funds as well as organising lots of events we have put on. John Ray Infants and Junior schools are very much appreciated of both their hard work and time put into the PTA and wish them well.

As Lynne was stepping down as treasurer and Lynn was stepping down as chair, they will arrange to meet with new chair Laura and new treasurer Jodie and vice treasurer Louise to change signatures for accounts a sign cheques. Lynn will have a meeting with Laura to pass on PTA details. This may take some time as we are entering another lockdown, but as much as possible will be done as quickly as possible.

WISH LIST

- Kate Mills would like funds for the garden of the new John Ray Nursery . We would just need confirmation that the nursery is apart of the John Ray Infants for money to spent towards this.
- Karen Harrison would like funds to replace current fish tank and for some new fish.

These will be arranged before the accounts are changed, to avoid a delay.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 1st July 2021