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The Parents Association wish to thank all parents, guardians and the school community for their continued support.

## **The Parents Association**

**The Parents Association has several functions within the school environment. We aim to work with the Principal, Staff and the Board of Management to build effective co-operation and partnership between home and school. We also aim to promote the interests of the students in co-operation with the board, principal, teachers and students. The Parents Association is in place to advise the Principal or the Board on matters relating to the school and to adopt a programme of activities which will promote the involvement of parents in the operation of the school, in consultation with the Principal.**

### **Who make up the Parent Association?**

All parents of children in the school are members of the Parent Association. The committee comprises of 2 parent reps from each class and 3 officers, a chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer.

We are affiliated to the National Parents Council.

## **When do we meet?**

We meet on a monthly basis during term time. Notice of meetings is sent by email from the committee and a text notification from the school. The meetings last for approx 1 hour and everyone is welcome. We usually have an AGM in September each year.

## **What do we do?**

The Parents Association builds partnerships with the Principal, Staff and Board of Management. The money raised through our endeavours goes directly into improving many aspects of our school. We run various fundraising events throughout the year, in consultation with the Principal. These include our Christmas Fair, Cake sales & raffle. This year we have had a fantastic time organising our Harold Cookbook with great excitement and involvement from children, staff & parents alike. We host some social events our new Junior Infant Parent coffee morning and hold a wonderful party for parents and children on the morning of their First Holy Communion. Class reps organise various events through the year for the parents in the classes. We also host some charity days throughout the year e.g: Jersey/Christmas Jumper Days, Odd Sock Day and our Uniform Recycle Day.

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### **Role And Function of the Parents' Association:**

The main aims of the Parents Association are:

- To help the school achieve its aims and objectives to provide the best education possible for all the children in the school.
- To liaise with the Principal
- To represent the views of parents and to provide a forum for consultation with the principal on relevant issues.
- To provide support for parents, especially new arrivals in the school.
- To facilitate social opportunities for parents.
- To help the school/BoM financially when suitable opportunities arise.

### **What is the Parents, Association not about:**

- Decision making and management issues in the school.
- Professional issues re; Teaching and learning
- A channel for complaints for other parents.

Extract from the Management Board Members Handbook CPSMA 2007

'Fundraising in the name of the school must have the prior consent of the Board of Management. A Parents' Association should consult with the board about fundraising for the school or school projects. The approval of the board is needed before these funds are raised. The expenditure of these funds is by the Board of Management, in consultation with the Parents

Association. All monies raised or generated for an agreed project for the school should be lodged to the Board of Management account.'