



Hill Croft Parent Teacher Association

Report of the Committee by Chairperson for the year ended 31st August 2021

Governing Document

Hill Croft PTA is a charity, based in Northern Ireland and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC100740) and HM Revenue and Customs (XR96661). The PTA was formed to support the work of Hill Croft School, Newtownabbey, in the education of children and young people aged 3-19, who have severe learning difficulties. The management of the affairs of the PTA are entrusted to a committee.

The committee met in formal meetings every month throughout the year, and on other occasions as required.

Structure

The committee comprises members elected by the members of the PTA. In addition, the Principal of the school is an ex-officio member of the committee, with full voting rights. The committee is vested with the full powers to conduct the affairs of the PTA, and to carry out its objectives, and has the power to raise funds by way of public appeals, collections, ballots, special efforts and other such means, as are lawful.

No value has been placed on the work carried out by volunteers, and the provision, without charge, of the meeting space and other establishment facilities at Hill Croft School.

Aims and Objectives

The PTA aims to advance the education and learning of those who attend Hill Croft School, by providing, as well as assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the Education Authority). In addition, the PTA encourages collaboration and co-operation between teachers, ancillary staff, parents and others associated with the school, for the benefit of the pupils, and engages in activities which both support the school, and advances the education of its pupils.

Benefit Test Requirement

The committee is confident that the activities of the PTA met the Public Benefit Requirement.

Achievements 2020/21

During what was another extremely difficult school year, we were still very active supporting the school community:

- In September we contributed towards class funds.
- At Halloween, we provided class treats.
- Christmas time – the PTA bought selection boxes for every young person, teachers were given hampers, and each class got some treats.
- Special needs buggies were purchased.
- Recently fruit trees were purchased.
- Easter treats were given to each class.
- Contribution towards the Education Authority Summer Scheme.

Plans for the future

- To build the school community by engaging with as many parents as possible.
- To develop a proactive approach to fundraising that will ensure that the PTA generates an income stream to provide equipment and other resources needed for school.
- To support the Duke of Edinburgh scheme
- To support extra activities for the children

Risk Management

Through their own direct involvement, the members of the committee identify risks to which the PTA is exposed. They ensure that appropriate systems and controls are in place to manage significant risks.

Independent Accountant

The reporting accountant, T H Hill, is willing to continue in office and a resolution to reappoint him will be proposed.

Signed: Karen Cuddy

Date: 16/5/22

Karen Cuddy, Chairperson