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What are the main roles and responsibilities of a PTA committee?

The usual structure of a PTA committee is to have at least three named officers: the chair, treasurer and secretary. While the exact duties of each role often vary from committee to committee, the principle responsibilities remain the same. Check your constitution to find out how many committee members are needed to run your association.

PTA chair

Main purpose of the role

To lead the committee, ensuring the PTA is run in line with its constitution and according to the wishes of all members.

The chair's responsibilities

- Chairs and facilitates meetings in a manner that encourages everyone to contribute
- Sets the date and agenda for meetings and keeps the discussion on track
- Delegates tasks to committee members
- Ensures decisions are implemented
- Liaises with the school about fundraising priorities
- Welcomes and motivates new volunteers
- Is a designated signatory on the PTA bank account
- Ensures the PTA is registered with regulatory bodies eg, the Charity Commission, and submits reports where necessary.

At the AGM

- Writes the annual report

Suits people who are...

- Strong leaders
- Diplomatic and fair
- Enthusiastic
- Good delegators

PTA treasurer

Main purpose of the role

The treasurer controls the PTA funds in line with the committee's decisions as well as charity law. They make sure upcoming events are affordable and profitable and report financial information to the rest of the team.

The treasurer's responsibilities

- Manages the day-to-day finances
- Keeps a detailed and accurate record of the PTA's financial activity
- Reports on the finances at meetings in a clear, concise way
- Arranges floats for events
- Ensures money is kept safely before and during events
- Banks the takings from events and fundraisers
- Makes Gift Aid claims
- Implements procedures for making payments and claiming expenses
- Completes the Charity Commission annual return (if registered)
- Gets accounts audited where necessary

At the AGM

- Prepares the financial report

Suits people who are...

- Confident at handling money and budgets
- Good with numbers
- Methodical
- Recruiting a treasurer? Try our social post

PTA secretary

Main purpose of the role

The secretary ensures that the PTA's activities run smoothly. They use their excellent communication and organisational skills to arrange meetings, take minutes and keep records.

The secretary's responsibilities

- Assists the chair with planning meetings
- Communicates with the school and committee members, including circulating the agenda before PTA meetings
- Takes minutes at meetings, recording the key points, decisions made and relevant action points
- Manages communication between the committee, volunteers, school and school community
- Prepares the publicity for events, including flyers, posters and tickets
- Ensures meetings have enough attendees to form a quorum
- Keeps records
- Shares information

At the AGM

- Helps the chair prepare for the meeting and takes minutes on the day

Suits people who are...

- Great communicators
- Accurate writers
- Helpful and motivated

Share the workload

Co-chairs

To spread the responsibility and lessen the workload, some people choose to **share the role of chair**. Co-chairing is a great solution, especially if both of you are new to the job or if one of you is leaving soon.

Micro-volunteers

Even if you have planned the perfect fundraiser, you will fall at the final hurdle if no one steps up to volunteer. **Micro-volunteering** is one way forward.