

## GAYHURST PARENTS ASSOCIATION

### ROLE OF THE GPA

Hello! I'm Rozet Shah - a parent of boy/girl twins who are in Reception class - and I've agreed to be the GPA Chair for the 2017/18 academic year.

Whether you are completely new to the School, or have been associated with the School for some time, I thought it might be helpful to set out what the role of the GPA is meant to be.

The GPA is an association consisting of volunteer parents at the School. As these parents also have other roles/jobs, it is commendable that they give up their time and effort to help the GPA carry out its objectives.

The GPA committee is currently made up of:

- Chair - Rozet Shah
- Deputy Chair - Brad Hyett
- Secretary - Sara Reading
- Treasurer - Nikki Wood
- "Class reps" (generally each class puts forward at least one parent to be the class representative).

The objectives of the GPA are to:

- arrange social activities and events for the benefit of the School community (namely, the children, parents and staff);
- raise funds for the benefit of the School and chosen charities;
- provide a welcoming service for new parents; and
- help foster positive relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the School.

As you can see, it's all important stuff!

The main beneficiary of GPA fundraising is the School. During the 2016/17 academic year, the GPA funded the purchase of a new minibus (costing approximately £30,000) and approved the purchase of a new piano (at a cost of approximately £4,500). The GPA also agreed to fund one of the outdoor play-area enhancement projects at a cost of £11,000, which should be completed during September 2017.

From time to time, the GPA also decides to support an external charity. William's Fund was the chosen charity for the 2016/17 Summer term, which receive £10,500 raised from a combination of the Ties and Tiaras Day, the Coin Challenge and the Summer Ball.

If you'd like more information on how to get involved with the GPA then please reach out to any member of the GPA committee.

Kind regards  
Rozet Shah