

Welcome!

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Hi everyone, and if you are new to the school, welcome to PATCH!

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PATCH is the parent teacher association (PTA) for St Mary's Fields Primary School and stands for Parents and Teachers, Carers and Helpers.

A new handbook will be out soon, which will tell you more about who we are, what we do and how we do it. Briefly, however, most of our work is to do with raising funds to help make school life interesting and rewarding for your child by paying for or towards the cost of things that are not covered by other funding.

For example, PATCH has paid towards the cost of maintaining the Key Stage 1 playground equipment, cookery lessons at the Manor House and Year 6 leavers gifts. We also make sure that there is something available for each year group to use towards things like the cost of school trips.

Because of how we raise funds, we are a registered charity: number 1027183. As a charity, we have a set of rules known as The Constitution. You can find a copy of this, along with newsletters and other information, on the school's website: [here](#)

PATCH is run by a committee, elected each year by you, the members.

We would usually run fundraising events throughout the year as well as welcoming and bringing the school community together through smaller social events. As you can appreciate, the Covid-19 restrictions have had a huge impact on what we do, however we are looking into ways of 'carrying on' within the guidelines.

Special General Meeting

We would usually hold our Annual General Meeting in the summer term but, of course, we were unable to do that this year because of lockdown. The two main reasons for the Annual General Meeting is so the outgoing committee can show the members what has happened over the previous year and then for the members to elect a new committee.

This year, we ended the PATCH year as usual but, as we were unable to hold a public meeting, we decided to hold a Special General Meeting later in the year to elect the committee. As restrictions are still in place, technology has come to the rescue so we will be going ahead with the meeting through Zoom. [Details removed as now out-of-date]

PATCH Committee