

6 reasons why... it's great to get involved

1. It's great for the kids (even if they don't realise it!)



Being active in the Parents' Association not only improves your child's school but makes you an excellent role model. Research confirms what we've always known: when children see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.

"I love to see my mum in the school helping at the fun events they run for us"

Richmond Park School, Parents Engaged Actively in School Survey

2. It builds trust



Becoming part of the Parents' Association is a great way to get to know other parents and teachers while gaining an insight into the workings of the school. With parents and teachers striving towards the same goals, the parent group is instrumental in making a real difference in the school life of all children.

"Being a part of the Parents' Association, I have really got to know how the school works and have confidence on how I fit it" *A Case study: Why I took the Parents' Association plunge*

3. It raises welcome funds



Whether it's creating an outdoor classroom, stocking the school library with new books or arranging a visit from a top author, the funds raised from your activities impact massively on the opportunities and experiences of all the children.

"It's great that we finally have some decent kit at school for a change"

Case Study: Rushmore Primary School - Parents' Association brings back its school library after 20 year break

4. It gives you a voice



Many Parents' Association already act as a consultative group for the school leaders and governors. So, whether it's deciding on where funds are spent or getting parent views on wraparound care, you can make sure parents have a voice in how your school.

"It felt great when head teacher as the Parents' Association for our views on the new school uniform policy. It made me feel listened to" *Case study: Burdett-Coutts and Townshend CE*

5. It forges connections beyond the school gates



Parents' Associations are brilliant for building relationships with the local community, from events, sponsorships from local businesses, and mentions in local press.

"We've been able to really grow the scale of the Parents' Association with some great local contacts" *Case Study: Queen Elizabeth's School - Welcoming stakeholders of all kinds to QE Family*

6. It's good for you!



Every parent has plenty to offer a Parents' Association, and whether it's being on the committee, helping out at events or organising meetings, your talents will be put to good use. As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence and learn new skills too.

"I've been able to use my design skills to help the school, it feels great to make a difference" *Case Study: a volunteer Dad - Contributions Welcome*