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Dear Parents,

Welcome to St Gregory's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). As a parent with a child or children at the school you automatically become a member.

The PTA plays an important role in the life of the school. The purpose of the PTA is to raise money to either spend directly on projects within the school which benefit all the children such as the minibus or the playground equipment or to provide the school funds to allow them to apply for larger grants for projects such as the new ICT suite.

The main ways we raise our funds is through the ever popular school discos, raffles and providing refreshments at school events such as new parent evenings, carol concerts and sporting events.

We meet to plan these events once a term for 1 hour. They provide a good opportunity for parents and teachers to meet informally. If meetings are not your "thing", the larger number of willing helpers who turn up to help at events or work in the background to buy supplies are equally important to ensuring the work load is shared across everyone. We all have very busy lives, all PTA members work and have the usual chauffeur, cook and cleaner duties as parents.

There are no special skills required beyond making tea and selling refreshments- however if you have other hidden talents you think we would benefit from I would love to hear from you. It was great to meet so many of you at the Induction Evening and I look forward to meeting you again now your child is at St Gregory's.

Just helping at one event a year would make a real difference. Please come and say hello at the next event you attend.

The PTA AGM will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September between 6pm and 7pm in the School Library. I hope to see you then.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and look forward to meeting you.

Regards

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Chair of PTA