

# ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL



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## **A plea from the Friends of Abbotswood**

Dear Parents/Carers,

This evening I attended the Friends of Abbotswood Annual General Meeting, where I stood down from my duties as Chairperson. As my children have now both left the school, I'm unable to play any part in the committee going forward. I've come away a little sad and frustrated ..... despite emails home and Facebook posts, we only just had enough people to run the AGM. This in turn has had a knock on affect and we have found ourselves in a sticky situation; no-one has stepped up to become the new Chair, which means the committee will have to fold.

Over the last year alone, the FOA and all of our parent helpers and volunteers, have raised nearly £9,000 for Abbotswood – for your children. As parents and carers, we thank you too for helping us raise this money; without your support and attendance of our events, we wouldn't have been able to enjoy the success that we have. Budgets for schools are worse now than ever before, so we've managed to make a difference and provide our children with the extra special things that they wouldn't have ordinarily had. These events don't just happen; they come about through hard work and organisation of a great team. The constitution of our committee says that we cannot run a committee without a Chairperson, which means events like discos, the summer fayre, parties etc... simply won't happen and money won't be pumped back into the school to support their budget.

The role of a Chairperson sounds quite daunting, but it really isn't (believe me, if I can do it, anyone can!) It's simply a case of managing the team around you and co-ordinating its members and actions. Do you think you could do it? (If you're already thinking about it then the answer is yes!) Have a look here at some more information on what to expect <https://www.pta.co.uk/running-a-pta/managing-a-pta/pta-committee-roles-and-responsibilities/>

Life is busy, I get that. As a full time employee who works away a lot, juggling everything is pretty full on, but the current committee and the team at school are such a wonderful bunch of people I know they will support anyone coming into the committee, in whatever capacity.

As a final push, because no-one wants to see the committee go down the drain, we are holding an EGM on Wednesday 4th October 2023 @ 6pm – Abbotswood School in the hope that someone will come forward and join the team.

Thank you,

Friends of Abbotswood