



The Highfields PTFA group is a positive and rewarding group to be part of. Together we raise funds to support a wide variety of projects at both school sites., over the past few years we have raised several thousands of pounds for school. The majority of our funds are raised through supporting the fantastic music, dance and drama events put on throughout the year. Having the opportunity to experience the amazing talent that our students have is probably the best perk of being a PTFA volunteer.

The committee group meet two or three times a year, this is mainly a social gathering but we also discuss bids and decide how the money raised should be shared around to ensure that as many students as possible benefit from the funds. Our aim is to promote projects that enrich the school experience and help to provide different opportunities. We have bought indoor and outdoor furniture for students at both sites. We recently bought seeds to help create a wildflower meadow at Lumsdale and outdoor plants to the sixth form conservation and ecology committee who are creating a sensory garden at Starkholmes. We support book buzz, and have paid for a dartboard and other sports equipment for extra curricular clubs. Our fundraising has also enabled students to benefit from bereavement counselling.

Overall, this group continues to be a highly successful PTFA that manages to raise funds without a significant burden on volunteers time. We are blessed with a number of parents and staff who help us to run the refreshments at events. However, we are facing a decline in numbers in the committee (due to staff and children having left Highfields) and urgently need to increase our members to ensure the survival of the group. We cannot run without a treasurer and a chairperson and unless people step forward at our AGM on 10th October (L6 Upper site 5.30pm) we will have to suspend the accounts and cease to operate.