

**THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF
R A BUTLER ACADEMY INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022
Registered Charity No. 1059789

R A BUTLER ACADEMY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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SECTION A – CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Number 1059789

Trustees and Committee (to year ending 31 July 2022):

Cherry Parker	Trustee and Chair (Appointed Trustee 2021, Chair 2021 - 2022)
Laura Back	Trustee and Treasurer (Appointed 2021)
Luciana Kavanagh	Trustee and Committee member (Appointed 2018)
Louise Colledge	Trustee and Committee member (Appointed 2016)
Jane McCluskey	Committee member (and unofficial Vice Chair)
Vicki Cross	Committee member
Charlotte Allen	Committee member
Kate Foley	Committee member
Kate Dodridge	Committee member
Helen Binns	Committee member
Ellie Peters	Committee member
Elena Fejdi	Committee member
Kelly Downes	Committee member
Marion Van Den Bussche	Committee member

School contacts

Emma Vincent	Executive Headteacher
Paul Belzar	School Business Manager

Charity registered 13 December 1996

Constitution adopted 10 October 1996 and amended 28 September 2018

Registered address: R A Butler Academy Infant and Junior Schools, South Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3DG

Bank: Lloyds Bank, 3 King Street, Saffron Walden CB10 1 HF

Independent Examiner Luke Westwood

SECTION B: TRUSTEES' REPORT**R A BUTLER ACADEMY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**

The Trustees, who are referred to as the Committee, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022.

REVIEW

Despite a challenging year emerging from the pandemic, the committee gained

several active new committee members and held a wide range of successful fundraising events. Annual gross income was £34,018, a 17% increase on the previous year, with a profit of £22,962, broadly in line with the last two years.

Our most profitable event was our annual Summer Fayre, which provided a contribution of £6,112 – the highest-ever from this event – followed by our family camp-out RAB Fest with £3,202, which saw 64 pitches sell out in a record few hours, and a creatively reimagined Winter Magic programme, including a multi-hamper raffle with profit of £2,892.

A Pizza-Making Evening, and our much-loved Presents for Parents events ahead of Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day, together with a second year of our 100 Club, made further valuable contributions, supplemented by a growing income stream from Easy Fundraising.

While the last three years of PTA fundraising at RA Butler have had to work differently due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the committee has risen to the challenge and found creative ways to engage the school community and continue to raise much-needed funding.

We had an uncertain first half of 2021-22, our plan to run parent socials shelved, and our usual winter fundraising efforts substantially scaled back. Neither were we able to gain momentum from an initiative to introduce a class-rep system.

More positively, we have set a course for improving how the committee is run with a new system of sub-committee leads for fundraising events and automated banking. We were also able to bring back two major fundraisers, our Summer Fayre and RAB Fest, in the summer term and have continued to use social media to help bring the school community together.

During the year 2021 – 2022, the PTA has provided £13,531 of funding support to the school, of which the largest item of spending was for schoolbooks. We were also delighted to be able to run a Year 6 disco, with gifted leavers' autograph books and over 600 Christmas and Easter treats.

The PTA bank balance stands at £36k and we have approved several requests for large capital items of expenditure, including a new wellbeing hub, improvements to the reception playground.

We have also invited further creative proposals for spend from the school around extra-curricular activity that wouldn't be possible otherwise and have agreed a new Teachers' Fund worth £300 a year for each year group, which will be open to bids on a termly basis.

The PTA has limited resource and is seeking a new chair and committee members to help us do more in coming years to support RA Butler Academy to provide funds to help advance the education of learning of the pupils in the school.

The PTA benefited from the support of over 60 volunteers during 2021-22 and has asked the school to put class-reps in place for next year to improve resourcing and communication flows to help further develop our school community.

We would like to thank everyone in the RA Butler school community who has supported our fundraising efforts over the year.

ORGANISATION

The RAB PTA is a Charitable Organisation made up of a small group of parents and guardians who volunteer and work hand in hand with R A Butler Academy. This includes the involvement of Paul Belzar, School Business Manager.

The Committee, which is elected by the members annually at the AGM, manages the PTA. This Committee organises events, with the help of the main body of members, to raise funds. These funds are then distributed by Committee decision.

There have been no material changes in either the objectives or policies since the last Annual General Meeting.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the RAB PTA is to advance the education of pupils in the schools. In furtherance of this objective the Association may:

- Develop the more extended relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the schools.

- Engage in activities which support the schools and advance the education of the pupils attending them.
- Provide and assist in the provision of such facilities or items of education at the schools (not provided from statutory funds) as the Committee in consultation with the Governing Body shall from time to time determine.

The principal activities of the Charity each year are to raise funds primarily from parental contributions and to remit these funds to R A Butler Academy as required.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that, in determining the activities of the Charity, they have paid regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Signed



(Cherry Parker)



(Laura Back)

R A BUTLER ACADEMY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

It is not the policy of the PTA to commit future Committees to any expenditure prior to funds being available.

VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE

We wish to thank all committee members for their extraordinary and unwavering voluntary help throughout the year, challenging as it was. The PTA and volunteers should be proud of their success in income generation as a continued demonstration of their commitment to R A Butler Academy.

SECTION C – STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

After costs, RAB PTA raised £34,018 from its fundraising and events throughout the year. The overall surplus for the year was £22,962.

Amounts totalling £11,056 were expensed in respect of charitable activities


and a new bank transfer system with dual authorisation was set up to expedite payments.

In total, the PTA donated £13,531 to the school in the year 2021-22, a lower amount than committee members consider ideal.

The PTA aims to hold reserves of no more than £30,000 and no less than £5,000 to finance the running of the PTA for the following year and to cover the costs of any items the school requests. Total reserves carried forward as 31 July 2021 were £36,000.

All funds held by the PTA are unrestricted.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature (s)		Laura Back
Full name (s)	Cherry Parker	Laura Back
Position	Chair 2021-22 and Trustee (2021 to date)	Treasurer and trustee (2021 to date)
Date	06-09-2022	06-09-2022

SECTION D – NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1.1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Association.

The financial statements have been prepared using cash accounting rather than on an accrual basis.

1.2 Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Committee members have a reasonable expectation that the Association has adequate resources to

continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Committee members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Committee members in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.

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