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### We need you! Opportunities for Families at SKA

Dear Families,

I am reaching out to you all with a bit of a plea!

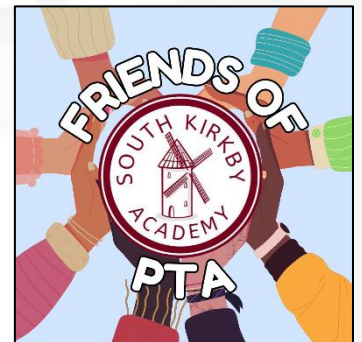
For our school to continue to grow from strength to strength, it is important we have families at the heart of its day to day running. We have worked hard as an organisation since September 2021 to foster good relationships with our families and I feel we have come such a long way in those three and a half years.

In education however, the job is never done and as always, I am looking at ways in which I am able to strengthen this further.

There are two opportunities that I would like to share with you (and hopefully persuade you to join!) below:

### Friends of SKA

Our PTA (parent and teacher association) Friends of South Kirkby Academy took a short break earlier this year, however we are keen to get this up and running once again. I know Mrs Borthwick has communicated with existing members to plan some events for the Summer Term. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our volunteers – your work in supporting our school is really appreciated. For those of you who don't know, a PTA is an **organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn.**



### Why should I join a Friends of SKA?

There are many reasons why you should join our PTA! From making new friends and getting to know the school environment, through helping raise much needed funds and making a difference to the children and school community. All of these things help you grow in confidence as a parent and it feels good to know you are making a positive difference for your children and for generations to come.

If you are interested in joining, please email: [skaoffice@watertonacademytrust.org](mailto:skaoffice@watertonacademytrust.org) and we will be in touch with next steps. Thank you!

### Parent Governor Vacancy

A more formalised role within school is that of a parent governor. Governors for schools exist to improve educational standards so that children have the chance to realise their full potential. Their role is a responsibility for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. If you get on well with people, would like to learn new or develop existing skills, and are interested and committed to helping children and young people, this may be for you. We currently have one parent governor vacancy.

Becoming a school governor involves:

- Attending **three** meetings per year (one each term – ours are 4:30pm-6:30pm and dates are set in the summer for the whole of the next year)
- Attending school events on a voluntary basis.
- Attending school with focus areas on a voluntary basis.
- Maintaining professional boundaries as you will be subject to sensitive and confidential information.
- Completing statutory safeguarding training and other governor induction training.



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I am personally a governor at a local infant school and find the role very rewarding as I get to see how another school in Wakefield works, while being a part of the leadership of that school in a different way to how I am here as Headteacher.

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If you have any questions at all about any of the above or would like to speak to me about either role in more detail, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me through the school office.

Thank you in advance and with best wishes,

Mr Adam Potter  
Headteacher