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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Monday, 24th September 2018, the PTA held their AGM in the Old Hall. The meeting was attended by teachers and TAs as well as four parents. Two of these parents were office holders from the current PTA. It was extremely disappointing to see such a small turn out at the meeting and this follows on from previous years where we were unable to constitute a new PTA because of small numbers and a lack of volunteers. This has happened twice in the past three years.

This year we have had one parent (who couldn't attend the AGM this year) who has come forward to volunteer their services as chair, which is brilliant, but unfortunately we have not had any other interest from parents in filling other positions including secretary, treasurer, members of the committee, helpers at events. I have therefore suggested that the PTA be temporarily stopped until such time as we can reconstitute it properly if we have enough interest. After discussion, this course of action was supported by the people in attendance at the meeting.

We are going to suspend PTA activities until the new year when we will have another general meeting. Hopefully, the interest will be greater and the PTA will be able to be reconstituted. At the end of this letter, there is a reply slip to gauge interest in this course of action. In the meantime, this means that for this term there will not be an Autumn PTA disco, a PTA Fashion Show or indeed a Christmas Fair. Hopefully, such events can be started again in the new year.

I would like to take the chance to thank the PTA from last year for their Fund Raising efforts. At the AGM, it was agreed that current spending commitments would be honoured including a new sound system in the Old Hall. All other funds will be frozen until January and the new AGM. If a new PTA can be formed then they will become responsible for the funds and if not then the money will be given to the school in order that it is spent in a way that directly benefits the children this year.

I would ask you all to consider how best that you can help the PTA in their very important job of raising funds for our children. If we all leave it to each other and don't step forward and volunteer ourselves then we are in grave danger of losing an a really key part of our school community.

Yours faithfully,



Andrew Poole
Headteacher

REPLY SLIP - PTA

Please tick as appropriate:

Statement
I will try to attend the PTA AGM in January 2019.
I am happy to volunteer to be an office holder in the PTA
I am happy to become a member of the PTA committee
I am happy to help at PTA events when I can
Please indicate the time that best suits for the AGM in January:
Straight after school (a DVD will be provided for children)
Later in the evening for a 6.00pm start

Please tick	
Yes	No

Name _____ (Please print)

Name of children and Class that they are in:
