

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCHOOL:

- Parental involvement in the school benefits students, parents and the school itself:
- Pupils achieve more when their parents are involved in their education. Their concerns can be resolved more quickly when their parents have a positive relationship with the school.
- Parents benefit from being able to express their views and knowing that they are able to make a difference. They also benefit from meeting and working with others in a setting in which they feel comfortable and from the advice and guidance the school and other parents are able to give them in supporting their children with their learning.
- Schools gain a better understanding of the views and needs of parents and how they might be able to address them. They are better able to take advantage of the time, ideas and skills which parents have to offer.

We would encourage as many parents to become involved in the Parents' Association as possible - it is for the benefit of your children and it sends a signal to them that their education is important to you.



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Information Leaflet



ABOUT OUR LADYS SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Parents Association of Our Ladys Secondary School is the structure through which Parents/Guardians in OLSS can work together for the best possible education for their children.

The Parents Association has a committee which is made up of parents from across several year groups throughout the school.

Meetings are held bi-monthly and are attended by Parents/Guardians of students in the school, a representative from the Board of Management and Principal Mr Eddie Kelly and the Deputy-Principals Ms Jane Treanor and Mr Darren Bishop.

The names of the main Committee members are listed below.

Chairperson: **Tom Coyle**

Secretary: **Pamela Sheridan**

Assistant Secretary: **Carmel Harte**

Treasurer: **Theresa Cassidy**

Elections to the Committee happen every year at the Annual General Meeting if positions are vacant.

Parents are automatically members of the Parents' Association and parents are encouraged to become actively involved in the Parents' Association Committee, which represents their interests.

SCHOOL POLICY(S):

- The Parents' Association is consulted before new school policies are introduced and are also made aware of any amendments to existing policies.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- To act as a forum for the expression of opinions, exchange of information and the discussion of topics raised by Parents / Guardians.
- To consider matters of educational interest.
- To arrange talks of interest for Parents / Guardians throughout the academic year.
- To organise fundraisers for student wellbeing and support.
- To review school policies when required.
- To act as a link between the parents and the school.
- Help ensure parents are kept informed of the developments in the school.
- Help ensure that the best possible facilities, support systems and learning environment is available for our children;

VOLUNTEERS FOR PA ACTIVITIES

- We are often seeking volunteers to assist in Parents Association activities. If you are interested in getting involved in any of the activities, please sign up through the PA Secretary or any committee member or email us at olssparentsassociation@gmail.com.
- Being involved in the PA is a great way to get involved in your child's school and to meet other parents. We encourage all parents to take part or help out at least one PA school event in the year. We use a WhatsApp group that most parents have agreed to join. This is used to inform parents when meetings will be held or if volunteers are needed for events that are happening in the school. It would be great to get more parents involved in the PA this year.
- OLSS Parents/Guardians are also informed about various school activities, talks, meetings etc. through the "Compass" portal.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS:

We would be delighted to hear your suggestions for fundraising, or to welcome you as a committee member.

If you wish to make contact with the parents' association committee, please email us at olssparentsassociation@gmail.com