



# Lawrence Sheriff School Parents' Association

May 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians

On behalf of the oldest school Parents' Association in the UK, I'd like to offer a very warm welcome to you - from the extended family here at Lawrence Sheriff.

The Parents' Association has been supporting the school since 1908 by raising funds during the school year to help towards those items not usually covered by the Local Authority budget. Any department in the school has the opportunity to request support for projects that will have wide ranging benefits for the students. During the last year some of the items we have purchased have included; careers guidance software, a projector for the sports hall, SEN equipment and a disco sound and lighting system.

Parents can support the school in lots of different ways. Many people enjoy coming along to our events which are a mixture of social and fund-raising activities. You can also support the PA by attending meetings, enlisting as a helper, donating prizes or making a regular or one-off donation. The regular PA meetings are usually held in the first week of each month during term time and are open to all members of the school community. Please be assured the meetings are far from onerous; there is plenty of laughter, fun and banter and many friendships have blossomed from the common wish to "do our bit"! We would also be very keen to hear from any of you whose organisation can offer match-funding of money raised at events.

In line with the Charity Commission requirements, we have an elected committee and would be happy to welcome new members to ensure that the PA keeps its place in the Guinness Book of Records! Each year we lose some members as their sons move onto pastures new and we always need new recruits to keep the momentum going and the ideas flowing.

You have a lot to digest about the school over the next few weeks and you may have questions that you would prefer to ask a fellow parent rather than "pestering" staff, at the Induction Evening. I remember how I felt during that first contact, not wanting to ask about trivial things, but at the same time having some questions that didn't seem to be covered by the talks and documents. We look forward to meeting you personally that evening when some of our committee members will be on hand to answer any queries you may have.

We should be grateful if you would complete the attached contact sheet, gift aid and donation forms as appropriate and hand to one of the PA members present on the induction evening or forward to the school office for my attention. Please rest assured there is no obligation to donate; we are grateful for all forms of support.

Once again, welcome to the Lawrence Sheriff School Community. I trust that you and your son will have a happy, successful and rewarding association with the school and the PA.

Kind regards

Jackie Harborne  
LSS PA Chair



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## LAWRENCE SHERIFF SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION – CONTACT SHEET - SEPTEMBER 2013

Name (Mr / Mrs / Ms ) .....

Address .....

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Post-code .....

Telephone Number .....

Email .....

Son's Name .....

Year joining at e.g. 7 / 12 or other .....

I am/We are happy to help the Lawrence Sheriff School Parents Association in one or more of the following ways (please tick and/or delete as appropriate)

- Member(s) of the Committee
- Officer(s) of the committee: please signify your preference:  
Chair/Deputy Chair/Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer/Secretary/Deputy Secretary
- Helper at events as required
- Offer skills/advice (please enter the type of skills/advice you wish to offer)
- Match funding
- I/We cannot commit to any of the above but please contact me/us with details of your events planned for the future.

NOTE: Contact details will only be used by the Parents' Association for direct communication and will not be disclosed to any third parties. Completion of this form indicates your acceptance of this policy.