

Role of a Secretary

Main purpose of the role

The Secretary supports the Chair to build effective communication links between the school and the association and maintains accurate records (see below). Regularly attend committee meetings with voting rights.

Duties and key responsibilities

- Prepares for meetings (with the Chair)
- Takes minutes at meetings, recording attendance, action points, decisions and proposals
- Circulates approved minutes, along with a reminder of any actions agreed
- Maintains association records
- Making sure that the association is GDPR compliant
- Updates trustee details with Charity Commission (as appropriate)
- Assists the Chair writing the annual report for the association
- May be a signatory on the PTA bank account (along with at least one other committee member)
- Correspondence (letters and emails with the Chair)

Key skills

- Organised and efficient – keeps accurate records in a format that can easily be handed over to successor.
- Good listener – able to identify key discussion points, actions and agreements at meetings to accurately record in minutes.
- Calm, friendly and approachable –able to communicate confidently with the school and committee.