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Dear Parents and Carers

We are Friends of Ashfield Parent Teacher Association (FOA PTA). We are a group of parents and teachers who organise events to raise money to buy things for the school. We organised the Summer Fair and are in the process of getting everything ready for the Halloween Disco. The money raised is spent on things like the trim trail or goes towards a class trip to help cut costs.

This year we are giving £250 to each class and asking them to decide what they would like that money spent on. They may like the money to go towards a class trip or may prefer something that will enhance learning within their class. On top of this we hope to raise enough money for a whole school project. We are speaking to all classes to help decide what the money is best spent on. For example, more scooter racks or a sheltered bike area. All the events organised this academic year will be for the aim of buying what they have asked for.

We are a very small team who want to do much more than we currently have the capacity to do.

We would love more people to join our little team.

We have a meeting once every half term to go through ideas and put plans in place to make these ideas a reality. The meetings are on a weekday, usually start around 6/6:30pm and last around an hour. In between the meetings we do jobs like booking DJs, making decorations, buying prizes.

You can do as much or as little as you are able.

No one is ever asked to do more than they have time to do and no one is asked to do anything they don't want to do. If you are no good at arts and crafts you won't need to make decorations, you can take on a different task.

You can be involved in many different ways.

You may like to attend the meetings but not volunteer at an event. You may not like the idea of helping with the planning but turn up on the day of an event to help out. You may be able to give some time on an ad hoc basis to do some baking or buy some prizes. Or you might like to be involved from beginning to end.

We all have things like work and families that keep us very busy. None of us have much time to spare, so the more of us on the team the better.

If you are interested in joining us or would like some more information, please email <u>friendsofashfieldpta@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you for your time. Friends of Ashfield PTA.