

FRIENDS AT BENFIELD SCHOOL

We are **FABS**, Benfield Primary School's Parent Teacher Association, a registered charity and a friendly group of parents, carers and staff. We'd love for you to join us!



Meeting challenges together

While the government is being confronted to address school funding challenges, parents are not powerless to assist their school. **We strongly believe that school and parents working in partnership is the most positive way to raise money and secure the best educational experiences for our children.**

What value does the PTA already bring to the school

- **Fundraising** – whether it's paying for extras or essentials, every penny directly benefits our children. Some of the items we have funded for the school are an [outdoor classroom](#), [forest school funding](#), [playground running track](#), [climbing wall](#) and [playtime equipment](#). For the last two years we have subsidised the class [enrichment trips and workshops](#). We also fund the monies for a [Christmas pantomime](#), a [new starter pack for Reception children](#) and [leaver hoodies for Year 6](#) – amongst many other things
- **Lots of Fun** – our events are enjoyed by children, parents and teachers alike, and are a great way to bring the whole school community closer together. We have organised [discos and film nights](#) for the children, [Christmas and Summer fairs](#) for families, and even [quiz nights and wreath making](#) just for the adults
- **Parent voice** – discussing where PTA money is spent, talking to teaching staff and everything in between contributes to school decision-making

How you can get involved

You can make a real difference! The more parents involved with their PTA means more money raised through more fun events, benefitting everyone. **There has never been a better or more important time to support your PTA.**

There are many ways you can offer your talents and be part of the conversation. If you would like to chat about how you can volunteer for your PTA and be a force for good in Benfield Primary School – however much or little time you can spare – please get in touch at fabbenfield@hotmail.com

Join our private group on Facebook at [Friends At Benfield School PTA](#) or have a look at our new Linktree page where you can find links to all the ways you can help at <https://linktr.ee/fabsbenfield>

Be certain that your help will be greatly appreciated and

will make a big difference

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT FABS WITHOUT SPENDING A PENNY

VOLUNTEER

Be part of our committee or be a class cheerleader, help organise uniform, sell ice lollies, share your skills, make some bunting, repair and revamp our fair games, prize sourcing, gift wrapping, book sorting, manning a stall for 30 mins, face painting there are so many ways you can get involved!!



There is no expectation on any volunteer, any amount of time you can give to the PTA will always be well received

DONATIONS

If you would like to donate any items, then FABS are looking for the following...



- + Good condition **second-hand uniform**, PE kits, coats and shoes
- + **Children's books** – especially KS2 and reference books
- + Outgrown **fancy dress** outfits/accessories
- + **Festive** jumpers/t-shirts/accessories
- + **Seasonal decorations**/trees for all events – Spring, Summer, Winter
- + Any tubs/jars/tubes that can be used as **Jolly Jars**

Please contact us or leave with the school office for us to collect



GIFTING

If you received any gifts at Christmas or on a birthday that aren't quite to your taste (or you got two of the same) we'd love any donations that can be used as prizes or at future events

RECYCLING

Donate your unwanted adult & children's clothing, hats, shoes, belts, bags, and household textiles including sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers, curtains and towels. We have a permanent textile bin, with **Astra Textile Recycling**, in the car park entrance of the school and receive a percentage of funds per kilo donated



ONLINE SHOPPING

With **Easy Fundraising**, every time you shop online at a partner website, they'll donate a percentage of what you spend straight to Benfield **for free** – you don't pay anything extra. You can also raise big donations when you purchase



insurance, broadband, mobiles, ISAs and when you book your next holiday. Sign-up at: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/benfieldprimary



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My Nametags - We receive 24% of your order total when you quote the School ID **20185**. Order online [at www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com)

Stamptastic - Enter the PTA code **BN411XS** at checkout and FABS receives 15% commission. Order online [at www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk)

MATCH FUNDING

Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. **It is an informal, albeit corporate, arrangement between a company and an employee.**

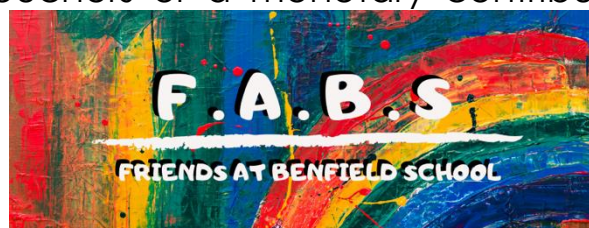


Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has either raised or donated to a charity. It is likely that an upper limit will be applied along with certain criteria such as the recipient organisation being a registered charity – which we are!

We understand that the high street banks, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too. For any questions regarding this please email us

COMPANY DONATIONS

Donations of prizes for our raffles are always well received. If you work for a company that would like to contribute then please let us know, in return we will display the company's name/logo on our posters and marketing material. The donation can be gifts, vouchers or a monetary contribution which we can use for prizes or funding



The easiest way to find all the information to get involved is by; **Coming along to a meeting**

Visiting our Linktree page <https://linktr.ee/fabsbenfield>

Emailing us at fabbenfield@hotmail.com

Talking to a committee member

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Look on the school website
