



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to you from the Kowloon Junior School Parent Teacher Association (KJS PTA). As a parent of Kowloon Junior School, your family will automatically become a member of the KJS PTA at the start of the new academic year.

Who We Are

The KJS PTA is a non-profit organisation with Parent and Teacher representatives, including members of our Senior Leadership Team, developed in accordance with the guidelines set out by ESF and our school. Our main objective is to promote a close partnership between families and the school, to take an active role in and enhance the learning experience of our children and, if and when possible, raise funds for the further development of the school.

Our objective is to grow and support a strong community between teachers, kids and their families through various events we organize with school & parents, through creating support communication about school life, news, happenings, through raising funds for more exciting and extra learning facilities kids can have at school.

What We Do

Meetings

We hold meetings once a month with the Principal, the Senior Leadership Team, Teachers and Parents to discuss developments at school, the management and running of PTA events as well as finances. It is a direct source of all news and also perfect moment to share questions, concerns & improvement suggestions from Parents.

Meetings are usually held on Monday or Tuesdays of every month either from 3pm or 4:30pm during term-time.

Uniform

KJS is phasing in a new school uniform - parents can access it by clicking the link: www.schooluniform.hk – welcome to check there the “**MAIN PAGE**” with new items and also the “**SALE ITEMS**” with old school uniform at very discounted prices (the old uniform is valid till the end of 2024).

As PTA will no longer be selling uniforms directly to parents, the existing uniform can be purchased through the above-mentioned school uniform website under “**SALE ITEMS**” with most of the items at VERY discounted prices and without a delivery charge. When orders are placed via the “**SALE ITEMS**” section, parents can pick these orders up from school or we can deliver them to your child’s classroom (during school hours) . Please note again that your child has the option of wearing the old uniform for the next two years, as the school and ESF has assured us that all children will transition over to the new uniform from August 2024.

- Please besides uniform we kindly remind you to purchase **Two Compulsory Items** that will need to be purchased from the “**MAIN PAGE**” on the same site:
 - i. **Library Book Bag**

- ii. **School Hat** (in your child's house colour) – we suggest you consider getting 2 hats as they tend to get lost easily. Therefore having name and child class on it will be highly important.

School Lunches

We coordinate a lunch service for our children by liaising with a contractor on behalf of the parents to offer the option of daily hot and fresh lunches. Due to the COVID –outbreak, however, hot lunches will not be served at school at the moment. We will update parents once EDB/ School give us the go-ahead to provide lunch services to our students. In the interim, you may access the link mentioned to look at our previous lunch menus <http://www.kjs.edu.hk/lunch-order-menu/>. Our current contractor is Fit For Life that provides goods quality healthy yet tasty meals for the kids.

Events

We used to host a number of family-focused events, bringing the school community together and creating this unique joyful atmosphere that kids can have besides their everyday learning and can share this joy and experience with their families – which is priceless. Such examples include the Mid-Autumn Festival Parade, a Family Bingo evening, the School Disco, a Quiz evening, Christmas sales, and our biggest event of the year, the KJS PTA Annual School Fair.

We are proud to say that KJS hosts one of the biggest school fairs amongst the ESF schools. It usually takes place in March and the entire school community gets involved. Our school fairs are normally filled with a stage full of performances by our students and teachers, as well as a Raffle Draw, the music teams and choirs, fun aspects like games, bouncy castles and giant slides, foods offered by our parent-and-teacher-run international food village, interactive activities like face painting, temporary tattoos and hair extensions, books and product sales donated by our parent body, a Charity bake sale and an auction. The PTA has managed to raise \$80,000 for the school from the Raffle Draw which was used towards the investment of Maker Resources, namely technological and creative tools for the children, which will support Success for Every Child at KJS and the principals and qualities of our PYP school.

To get a glimpse of these fun-filled events and to see a full list of activities hosted by the PTA, please visit our page on the school website, under the caption 'Life at KJS'.

What We Have Achieved So Far

As mentioned, one of the objective of the PTA is to support the school & enhance learning opportunities for kids at school and raise funds where possible. So far we have contributed towards:

- Prizes and providing support for *various school competitions and events*;
- Establishing *a fresh and hot meal service* within the school;
- Equipping *the multi-media room on the 4th floor*;
- Purchasing *outdoor sports equipment as well as gymnastics equipment*;
- Investing in and purchasing *interactive outdoor play equipment for younger year groups*;
- Purchasing *portable music platforms for the music department*;
- Funding and continuously supporting *the Living Classroom on the rooftop* of the main building;
- Contributing to the development of *Secret Gardens around the ground floor* of the school;
- The investment in *hands-on sustainable learning resources* to promote sustainability at school; and

- *Maker Resources* (as stated previously in this letter) to help expand the kinds of learning resources available to the children.

How You Can Help and Get Involved

We are always looking for committed PTA committee members and volunteers. Please take a moment to fill out the attached form to let us know if you would like to get more involved with your children's school life. It won't take too much of your time, even if you work full time but willing to contribute with your voice, opinion and some events participation – it will be a great help for us and special opportunity for you to be specially connected with your child at school with teachers and the whole community!

Our Annual General Meeting will take place in September this year. Prior to that we will seek nominations to elect a new executive committee at the AGM. We hope to see more Year One parents actively involved in our committee. PTA meetings are a great way for you to meet parents from different year groups, learn about school updates and get involved in various PTA activities.

Our primary source of revenue is from membership fees and the surplus from school events organised throughout the year. Our membership fee is **HK\$500 per family** for the year. Once again, please note that we are a non-profit organization.

We welcome you to the KJS family and look forward to seeing you soon, either in person or virtually at our AGM. I wish you and your families a wonderful summer!

Yours faithfully,



Anna Ryton
Chairperson
2021-22

By virtue of section 16 of The English Schools Foundation (ESF) Ordinance (Cap.117), parents of each student of ESF school are parent members of the Parent Teacher Association ("PTA") of that school.