



Hello All,

My name is Alex and I'm the new Chair of the PTA.

Firstly, I would like to thank the previous chair Karen for doing such a great job over the past years. I know my daughter Laura has really enjoyed the discos and fetes that have been organised by the all of the volunteers of the PTA.

I'm a local lad and have grown up in the village since 1981. I have very fond memories of Breydon Middle School as it was then, and I feel privileged to now get the chance to give something back. I'm a big fan of Disney Theme Parks, Star Wars and I love Lego. In fact I'm just a big kid! My background is in Quality Engineering and I recently steered my career into the study of Continuous Improvement.

Over the years, the term PTA has always given me the impression of something clinical and a bit scary, so going forwards, the group will be known as the 'Friends of Moorlands'. I think you will agree, it sounds a bit more welcoming

Over the past couple of years I have wanted to help out with events, but had always assumed I couldn't because of all the checks that need to take place to maintain the safety of our children. One of the things that has been clarified is that any Friend of Moorlands can be DBS checked for free via the school. So if you have ever fancied joining in, you can. It's as simple as that! More details coming soon.

So, what's the aim of Friends of Moorlands?

It's simple. To raise cash to provide the children cool things to do while they are at school, whilst having fun on the way and boosting the community spirit. It's important to remember that the budget the school gets from the Department for Education is to support the curriculum. It's not for disco's, climbing frames or fetes. All those extra things have been provided by the PTA at some point in the past.

So what next?

The first thing the Friends team would like to do is arrange a treat for you all. We will be arranging and inviting you to a free event where you can meet the team, have something to eat and drink and have a look at some of our ideas and perhaps give us some of yours.

There are some funds available to spend on the children from fundraising last year. You will have the opportunity to vote at the event on how we will spend that money. You will also have the opportunity to vote on what kind of things we should be raising money for going forwards. It's always good to have something to aim towards.

Communication is key, so we will shortly be launching a Facebook page where you can keep up to date and join in with what's going on. All key information will also be mirrored on the school website.

On behalf of myself and the committee, thanks for taking the time to read this letter and we will look forward to meeting you soon.

Alex.