

Meeting minutes Grindleford PTFA

Meeting Details:

Grindleford Primary School PTFA Meeting

30/09/2026

7:30pm

The Maynard Pub, Grindleford

Attendance:

Members Present

Mrs. Crease (School)

Zina Oliani

Emma Walker

Emily Erskine

Chloe Holmes

Kouri Carter

Marketing:

School recently completed a marketing campaign including leafleting of Sheffield schools on the outskirts of the city and a family open day. Positive feedback received with a number of leads from potential future students who would not have known about the school otherwise. School plan to run a similar campaign next year and funding will be needed for future years.

Preschool hours discussed as not suitable for working families. School and preschool are working together to try and find a solution the this going forward.

PTFA agreed in principle to fund future marketing campaigns, providing costs are fully discussed and transparent.

Gallop:

More parent volunteers needed. Dave stepping down as volunteer coordinator after this years March Gallop. Helen also looking for someone to take over as chair of the Gallop committee due to her child getting older.

Discussion around the Gallop becoming more of a community event as parent volunteers are limited in such a small school. Potential to combine the event with the Goat to increase volunteer numbers and reduce burden on individual families. Mrs. Crease suggested communications could be sent out from school. Suggestion of creating a crib sheet that would be universally accessible so the burden of delegation is

not on the chair.

Discussion around events to mark the 30th year including a potential mini colour run for children and fell race. Gallup team continuing to work on this.

Treasurer Update:

This year PTFA have spent money on promotion events for school and marketing.

Received money from the Grindleford Goat Charity. Supported school around £4,000 on school improvements including the music room upstairs and the reading nook.

Agreed to spend £4,500 this year to cover the shortfall of the sports premium. Sports premium is a grant towards sporting activities provided by the council or central government. This has been removed this year for all schools. School currently working with neighbouring schools on how to minimise the impact. In principle, PTFA have agreed to cover this for this coming academic year and to discuss on a yearly basis whether this is appropriate to continue.

Future Events and Fundraising Opportunities:

Jenny has agreed to organise the spooky walk and has invited Bamford parents and Bamford School to take part. Discussion around inviting Bamford children to the disco following the spooky walk. In theory this was thought to be acceptable for Bamford School children, but there may be safeguarding or legal consequences for any younger children not enrolled at either of the federated schools.

22/11/2026: Victorian Christmas Market. School have a number of vendors interested in showcasing at the school. Discussion around this being more of a showcase for the school rather than a fundraising event initially. Chloe suggested putting a piece in the Reflections magazine as the Peak Advertiser is no longer circulating.

Discussion around having a winter swim organised by the PTFA rather than Christmas crafts, as school does such a good job at Christmas crafts and this would be duplicating efforts.

PTFA decided as a group that instead the PTFA would fund a whole school swim and potentially include parents, other siblings not at school, and teachers' children if numbers allow. Suggested date: Saturday 16/01/2027. Chloe to follow up.

Discussion around a joint fundraising event with preschool in January based in Grindleford, in recognition that most of the fundraising events preschool do are based in Eyam. Mrs. Crease to discuss with preschool. Chloe also to discuss with preschool.

Suggestion of a summer cinema party put on by the PTFA with a projector on the pavilion, potentially to coincide with the barbecue in May or the carnival. Kouri to follow up.

School Funding Requests:

School would like an interactive whiteboard for the music room. Mrs. Crease to get quotes.

School interested in purchasing VR headsets and hope to share costs with Bamford and share headsets across both sites. Costs would also be shared with the Bamford PTFA. Agreed in principle but quotes yet to be obtained.

School interested in planters in the garden and funding for the garden pond area. No confirmed plans yet but will come to PTFA with quotes once available.

Any Other Business:

School looking to reintroduce Wheelie Wednesday but looking at risk assessments as colder, wetter weather comes in.

Suggestion from a parent in the community about chasing up hedges in the top playground. This has been explored by school and Peak Park but due to complex reasons including planning regulations of Peak Park, this has not been an option so far. Suggested that parents interested in pursuing this could put together a template to send around school to put names on that could then be sent to the council.

Next Meeting:

12/01/2027 at 7:30pm, online via Teams.

Call out for further parent volunteers to get involved with PTFA/Gallop activities.