

A Welcome from Ellesmere College Parents Society (ECPS)

Dear Parent,

Welcome to Ellesmere College. We hope that your children settle quickly into their new class, and that you will discover the myriad ways through which the College aims to foster an environment of inclusivity and community. To that end, may we extend an introduction to the Ellesmere College Parents' Society - often referred to as the ECPS. We are an informal Society, focused on enhancing the experience of being a parent of an Ellesmerian.

Life at Ellesmere College can be very busy and, with parents' work commitments and pupils coming from a wide geographical area, it can sometimes be hard to catch up with other parents and caregivers at the 'school gate'. To help alleviate this, the ECPS works in partnership with the College to create a welcoming atmosphere and help integrate parents into the College community through organising events and activities that enable parents to meet each other.

Every parent or guardian with a child at Ellesmere College (past or present) is automatically a member of the ECPS, although attendance is not compulsory! In previous years, there have been many ways in which you can take part in the work of the ECPS, including:

- Supporting social events, such as Macmillan Coffee Morning, Creativity Day, Burns Night, Ladies Lunch etc.
- Helping out behind the scenes
- Attending the Committee meetings (we have 2-3 meetings per term and an AGM each June)
- Volunteering your services for a Committee role

Unfortunately in the current climate we will not be able to meet or run events this term as the school is, understandably, limiting access to just pupils and staff. We will run some zoom meetings to enable the committee meetings to happen and plan for events later in the academic year hopefully. Please let me know via contactecps@gmail.com if you would like to be included in our zoom meetings.

Whilst we are neither a profit-making nor fundraising organisation, our activities and events often do result in monies raised, either through the sale of tickets or via a raffle. This is then donated to chosen charities and to the school for the benefit of the pupils.

In short, you can be involved in the ECPS as much or as little as you wish. As busy parents ourselves, we understand how precious time is and know that it is not always possible to make a regular commitment. That's why we work in a flexible way and are grateful for any support you can give.

At the moment, we are looking for a Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chair to join the committee. For further details please contact myself, ECPS Chair Janet Kelly, on 07973675770.

We will publish dates of meetings on our Facebook page and mail out to people who request to be on our distribution list.

Our events are listed in the White Calendar that goes out each term. In addition, please check the ECPS notice boards for more information - there is one outside the entrance to

Lower School and one at the Common Room entrance to the school. We also post news on the College website and Facebook page.

We do hope you are able to join in with us in some way, either on a regular or ad hoc basis, or through supporting our events. In the meantime, do feel free to come and chat if you see any of us around the College, or please get in touch at contactecps@gmail.com

Kind regards

Janet Kelly
ECPS Chair