

# Parentkind

## Bringing together home & school

### Role of Secretary

As one of the three key committee roles, it's best practice to have the role of Secretary filled. If you are finding it hard to recruit, you could consider splitting the duties between two committee members.

### Main purpose of the role

The Secretary supports the Chair to build effective communication links between the school and the association and maintains accurate records (see below).

### Duties and key responsibilities

- Prepares for meetings (with the Chair)
  - Arranges a suitable venue
  - Invites committee members, parents and staff
  - Suggests items for the agenda
  - Circulates the agenda and reports before the meeting
  - Identifies outstanding items from last meeting
  - Helps the Chair keep meetings on track
- Takes minutes at meetings, recording attendance, action points, decisions and proposals
- Circulates approved minutes, along with a reminder of any actions agreed
- Maintains association records
  - Committee member contact details
  - Minutes of meetings
- Updates trustee details with Charity Commission (as appropriate)
- Assists the Chair writing the annual report for the association
- May be a signatory on the PTA bank account (along with at least one



other committee member)

- Handles written and email correspondence received for the association

## Key skills

- Organised and efficient – keeps accurate records in a format that can easily be handed over to successor.
- Good listener – able to identify key discussion points, actions and agreements at meetings to accurately record in minutes.
- Calm, friendly and approachable –able to communicate confidently with the school and committee.

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