

## **What Does a Room Parent Do?**

### **A Room Parent is a key link between teachers, the PTA, and the parents of our school.**

The Barnsley PTA would like to support our teachers and their classrooms by establishing Room Parents who would serve as liaisons between teachers, parents, and the PTA. Your help is needed to organize parties, recruit volunteers for various PTA events, coordinate teacher gifts, and get PTA information out for all families in the class. The PTA plans on doing this by asking for *two* parents from each class to serve as Room Parents. The PTA provides a Room Parent contact to help and assist with any questions or concerns.

#### **Room Parents serve four important functions:**

- 1) Maintain a class contact list (this will also include getting information from parents who cannot attend Open House or Back-to-School Night)
- 2) Communicate the teacher's needs to the rest of the parents (could include classroom donations for snack, teacher gifts, and special events/projects)
- 3) Ask for volunteers in the classroom, special events, etc. (please talk with your teacher to see what they need from you.)
- 4) Try and attend PTA meetings on the first Tuesday of every month and distribute the PTA information to the parents in your class. (each room parent can take turns)

Being a Room Parent doesn't take a lot of time out of your busy schedule, yet it's invaluable as a source of support to the school, your child's teacher, the PTA, and to other parents who wish to be involved but are not sure how.

Being a room parent is perfect for someone who wants to be involved and engaged and connected with the classroom, but doesn't have the time to come to school. You can coordinate from home or work by e-mail. You and the other room parent can split the responsibilities and take turns coming to the PTA meetings - Hopefully one of you are able to attend to represent your class.

Thanks for taking the time to help your school. We couldn't do everything we do without you- You put the P in our PTA! If you have any questions, please contact your teacher or [marliebrill@yahoo.com](mailto:marliebrill@yahoo.com)