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I am Pepe Banzo, and I belong to the Parent - Teacher Association in the school where my children attend lessons.

Well, I wanted to comment that every pupil's parent forms part of the association. The association has an executive board which is formed by volunteer parents who deal with daily work, who resolve the little situations and problems that arise.

In theory, the association's main objective is to collaborate with the teachers and the school staff in our children's education.

However, one of the PTA's main tasks is to collaborate at school in free time activities, such as education workshops, or to organize lessons outside school time – study workshops, training workshops – which can change according to the desires of both pupils and parents, what they ask for. For example: theatre workshops, music lessons, and other different activities that come up at specific times.

The association also collaborates in entertainment activities, such as helping in the celebration of Carnival, in those parties organized at Christmas time, or in any other event which needs organizing.

Well, another of the PTA's important tasks is precisely to receive any comments or suggestions and also to inform – should there be any kind of problem at school – because our children tell us their daily impressions, we get these suggestions and inform the executive board.

So, as you can see, we are all volunteer parents and if you have just come to a public school, then, you can approach the PTA, and start to collaborate with and form part of the group of concerned parents who want to have a hand in their children's education.