## Like to Be Involved?

Everyone on the Parent Council will bring something different and something useful to contribute to the success of the Lochside Voice.

Working with others on the parent council can also be a way of learning from other people and developing new skills.

#### When Do We Meet?

There is usually 1 committee meeting each term, with the possibility of extra meetings in the run up to big fundraising events.

These meetings are usually held at 6.30pm in the school staff room on a Monday evening.

The Lochside Voice committee is made up of parents, teachers and school staff

#### CURRENT COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS

Chairperson - Fiona Sword

Vice Chair - Lynn McCulloch

Treasurer - TBA

Secretary - Lee-Ann Gunn

You can contact us via the email or Facebook address on the front of this leaflet or alternatively leave a message with the school office and someone will get back to you.

Date of next meeting

30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 6.30pm

Lochside Primary School



#### **LOCHSIDE VOICE**

Lochside Primary School Parent Council

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#### What is the Lochside Voice?

We are the Parent Council for Lochside Primary School.

Our main functions are:

- Supporting the school in its work with pupils and parents
- Representing the views of parents
- Helping to inform on school development and share information
- Promoting communication and contact between the school and all its parents
- Fundraise to help pay for extra equipment, trips or anything else the school requests

#### What Do We Do To Support Parents?

Communication with parents is a key aspect of the Parent Council's work so that we are able to speak to the School and the Authority about parents' views on issues that affect the school.

In discussions with the head teacher and other staff members, we identify ways of working together to make the most of learning opportunities in the School, home and community.

### What Do We Do To Support The School?

In the past we have helped out at parents Evenings, Christmas Concerts and various events.

We have been involved with the planning for the New School Handbook

We also take an active role with the recruitment of Head & Assistant Head teachers.

One very practical way we help the school is through fundraising. The proceeds of which have been used to:

- Purchase the outdoor classroom
- Purchase book shelves for the Library
- Help with the ongoing playground project
- Help towards transport costs during Health Week
- Supply homework bags

## Some recent discussions have considered:

- School Uniform
- Parent helpers
- School Website
- Golden Time Changes

# WHO CAN JOIN?

All parents & carers are already part of the parent forum and therefore welcome to any of our meetings

## What can YOU bring?

#### As a parent or carer you:

- Are an expert on your own children and bring this understanding, information and knowledge about their needs
- Have unique and varied skills, knowledge and experience
- Are a member of the local community and have links that the school may not have
- Are in touch with other parents and can represent a wider range of views