
Term 4 Parent Council Update PVG and Training update from Connect

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Term 4 update

Dear Parent Council Chair – and Parent Council members. I hope you all had a great Easter Break. A long update with two key items applicable to Primary and Secondary Parent Councils and any parent groups in ELC, Primary and Secondary.

1: PVG update

2: Connect Training sessions

1. PVG update

As noted in the last update here is the latest information regarding PVG requirements for parent groups / Parent Councils.

In addition, there will be two online local sessions where you can raise questions or concerns – **Local Q&A sessions for Parent Councils in Dumfries and Galloway** – these sessions will be used to share any updated information in a discussion forum and generate FAQ's or scenarios for Parent Councils that can be shared regionwide. If possible, try to join at 7 – usually drop-in sessions are just that at any time during the hour, but for these it will be important to join at the start time. thank you.

Wednesday 30th April via Teams link below between 7-8 pm

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Meeting ID: 346 726 556 617

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AND

Tuesday 6th May via Teams link below between 7-8pm (changed to Tuesday as Monday is a bank holiday)

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PVG Changes for Parent Volunteer Groups including Parent Councils : Changes to PVG as of the 1st April 2025.

Parent Council PVG SWAY – information saved from the Connect Information Session with a local focus.



[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020](#)

Anyone doing work/volunteering with vulnerable groups will be required to be a member of the PVG Scheme.

[Go to this Sway](#)

Also, recent Webinar event with Volunteer Scotland for Parent Councils: www.connect.scot/events under On-demand recordings

** Please note that all Parent Councils and Teaching staff can access support via your Connect membership.*

Document List – created and shared by Volunteer Scotland Information / Connect Information.

Dumfries and Galloway Parent Council Forum are kindly hosting on their google drive the current information regarding PVG compliance from Disclosure Scotland and Volunteer Scotland. All of the documents listed below can be found by clicking the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nGvIGhWgDVHqjV4HQD7wmBJ1pHBz9YOq?usp=drive_link

A hard copy of this information is being printed for all Parent Councils and will be sent to your school when this is available.

1. Volunteer Scotland PVG changes presentation
2. Disclosure Scotland Act 2020 Final regulated roles guidance
3. Regulated Roles Checklist
4. Holding a Position of Responsibility
5. Parent Council Enrolment Form
6. Code of Practice
7. Making a referral – Guidance and Sample Policy
8. Secure Handling of Disclosure Information, Guidance and Policy
9. Sample Disclosure Tracking
10. PVG and Child Protection Pack Final April 2025
11. Connect Guidance on the PVG act for Parent Groups
12. A model Child Protection Policy for Parent Council and PTAPSA - Volunteers
13. A model Child Protection Policy for Parent Council and PTAPSA paid/unpaid Staff Final
14. Child Protection Policy Agreement Form
15. Follow up session with Connect and Volunteer Scotland FAQ

From a recent online support session, Connect have also provided the following information.

- The slide handout is available for download and can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/ConnectInfoSessionsPlus>
- The recording can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/TPQCKSWtfOY> or www.connect.scot/events under On-demand recordings *
- The Connect resources can be found here: <https://connect.scot/resources/protection-vulnerable-groups-and-child-protection-pack>
- Support materials from Volunteer Scotland can be found here: <https://connect.scot/resources/volunteer-scotland-pvg-guidance-and-templates>

2: Connect Training Sessions

Please also see attached a list of sessions from Connect

Apologies if these are duplicates that you get through the Connect Newsletter, but not all Parent Councils use all the functions and support of Connect yet.

So better twice than not at all.

Connect Members Communication and Social Media for Parent Groups	
6 May 2025, 8-9pm Places are free, booking is essential. https://bit.ly/3CxphxWMay25	Connect Members Communicating with parents/carers and partners is an essential part of what parent groups do. We'll share tips and resources to help your group to communicate well and effectively.
Connect Members Building School and Community Partnerships	
13 May 2025, 8-9pm Places are free, booking is essential. https://bit.ly/3WJq31EMay25	Connect Members Bringing everyone together in your school community can benefit children, families and your local area.
Connect Members Top Tips Dealing with Challenging Situations	
20 May 2025, 8-9pm Places are free, booking is essential https://bit.ly/4hHLHLSMay25	Connect Members Join us for this session where we share problems relating to the challenges of running parent groups and dealing with difficult situations. We will share our top tips and resources to help prevent and deal with difficult situations
Connect Members Chat with Connect – Role of the Chair	
27 May 2025, 8-9pm Places are free, booking is essential https://bit.ly/4jKQbmSMay25	Connect Members Join us for this very informal and relaxed opportunity to discuss your parent group, its activities and priorities, or whatever you like!
Open to All Parents and Carers Talking Points for Parents: Learning Through Play & Kindergarten with Upstart	
3 June 2025, 8-9pm Places are free, booking is essential. https://bit.ly/4hu6PV7	Upstart campaigns for a kindergarten stage in Scottish education, to give young children more time to develop and thrive. In the first of a new Connect occasional series of events looking at topical issues in education, Connect is delighted to welcome Upstart to share information and lead discussion about what learning through play means and what a kindergarten stage in Scottish education might look like.
Connect Members Parent Group Drop In Clinic	
10 June 2025, 8-9pm Places are free, booking is essential https://bit.ly/4aI2XhEJun25	Connect Members Got questions about your parent group – Connect is here to help! Running your parent group can be rewarding but sometimes challenging – that's why Connect is hosting a Parent Group Drop-In Clinic. Whether you're looking for advice, clarity, or inspiration, this

	is your chance to get tailored support and practical tips.
Connect Members For Parent Groups: Understanding Conflict, Behaviours and Needs with Scottish Mediation	
17 June 2025, 8-9pm Places are free, booking is essential. https://bit.ly/3QYFrnv	Connect Members' session. This online Information Session with Scottish Mediation in partnership with Connect will look at ways that parent groups can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Increase group members' knowledge of techniques to encourage respectful, open communication · Develop communication techniques to repair relationships following conflict or disagreements · Improve awareness around positions and interests to understand individual needs Find out more about Scottish Mediation here: https://www.scottishmediation.org.uk/ Please note in the session we will not be able to provide advice relating to specific situations. You can email info@connect.scot for guidance or more information about Mediation for Parent Groups.

Many thanks
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