

*'When parents are involved children and young people do better and achieve more'*

*-Scottish Executive*

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Do you have an interest in any of the above? Do you have a relevant skill in any of the areas? Do you have views on any of the above? If you do, please keep reading...

Loanhead Parent Council is changing and we need your help, here's how:

### What would you have to do?

Attend meetings (4 per year, usually once every 3 months), occasionally take on an action point from the meeting and speak on behalf of parents in the school.

### Why is it changing?

- The constitution is fairly old and was written by The School Board when the Parent Council was run by them.
- There is a current vacancy for a new chairperson.
- The Headteacher has new priorities and vision for the school.
- We need more parents to attend to gain a broader opinion of parents.

### What happens next?

Come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Loanhead Primary.

Bring any ideas, feedback or suggestions that you feel affect the majority of the pupils/parents etc

### So what is the Parent Council?

The Parent Council is a group of parents/guardians/carers of children attending Loanhead Primary. The group consists of a chairperson, a vice chairperson, a treasurer and a secretary all of whom are voted in by the Parent Forum (also known as parent/guardian/carer of children attending Loanhead). It also includes the Head teacher (or their representative) and local councillor when available.

The group also consists of elected members, but all parents can attend the meetings at any time.

### What do the Parent Council do?

The group meet once per term as a minimum (4 meetings per year) and must include an Annual General Meeting. The meetings are chaired and follow an agenda which usually consists of minutes and action points from last meeting, Head Teacher update, Treasurer update, fundraising update and any other business which can include feedback, questions or suggestions made by parents.

During the meetings notes are taken and if any actions need to be taken they are assigned to a person with a deadline of completion and followed up at next meeting. Notes are made available to all parents in a folder in the school reception.

The parent council have an important role as they can help shape the future of their child's education, they are involved in decisions being made about the school and are able to help build links through the community as well as share experience, expertise and skills.