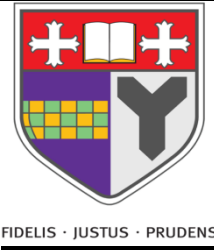


St Joseph's Academy

Parent Council Report



Parent Councils

Scottish Government guidance indicates that Parent Councils should:

- Support the school in its work with pupils
- Represent the views of parents and carers
- Encourage links between the school, parents and carers, pupils, pre-school groups and the wider community
- be flexible, to ensure they can effectively represent their own school community and interests

St Joseph's Academy Parent Council

At St. Joseph's Academy works in partnership with the staff and in particular the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team to represent the views of the wider Parent Forum:

- The Parent Forum consists of all parents / carers of pupils at St Joseph's Academy
- The Parent Council is made up of a number of parents / carers of pupils at St Joseph's Academy, that maximum membership was 15 parents and that ideally there should be representation from each year group, which this year there is.
- The purpose of the Parent Council is to meet to share ideas and feedback to the school on any particular point(s) of interest / concern
- The Parent Council gives parents / carers a voice and enables them to contribute to school decision making
- Through consultation with parents / carers, represents the views of the Parent Forum to advise School Leadership Team of parents' views.
- That at St. Joseph's the working relationship between the Parent Council and School Leadership Team was one that was based on a genuine partnership approach, and that the Parent Council operates in the mode of a 'Critical Friend'
- The HT is not a member of the Parent Council, but has a right to attend Parent Council Meetings

Parent Council Activities 2019 / 20

In the last academic year, the Parent Council has been involved in the following activities:

- Pupil Leadership Team selection
- Pupil Equity Fund consultation and allocation
- School Improvement Plan
- Curriculum Consultation
- Education Scotland School Inspection
- *"The Parent Council are well informed on key matters, such as school improvement planning. Senior leaders and staff are keen to support greater parental engagement, and parents' views are frequently sought and acted upon"*
- Pupil Presentations from Eco Committee / Junior Leadership Team / Senior Leadership Team
- Bus Warrant provision
- Deputy Head Teacher Recruitment
- Transformational Review of Specialist Provision (proposal to relocate the senior phase (S4-S6) of Willowbank School to St Joseph's Campus)
- New Horizons Service - Promoting Positive Mental Health
- Covid-19 Response
- SQA Exam outcome response

Parent Council Minutes

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/stjosephsacademy/parents/parent-council/minutes-of-meetings/>