

Eastwood High School Parent Council

Chair Report 2025/2026

The Parent Council continued to be well supported by the parent forum by welcoming 4 new members this year. We have had 2 resignations and I, as Chair, will be leaving as my child has now finished her time at Eastwood.

There were 5 meetings this year and we continue to have them on either a Tuesday or a Wednesday to try and provide flexible options for parent members.

Over the year, we have had representatives at various local authority meetings (Parent Council Chairs meetings and Equalities Forum)

We have had presentations from various members of staff and provided feedback and input on school initiatives and policy, some of which are:

- Cost of Living Financial Wellbeing Indicators Report
- Merit Awards – Refresh Strategy
- Assemblies focusing on many aspects of the school day, re-iterating School Values
- Staffing Updates
- Update on dining pods and new classrooms to support our large school roll
- Well attended curriculum evenings, career events and culture day.

Our PTA, a subcommittee of the Parent Council, have provided the following update on their work this year:

The PTA has a small but dedicated team of volunteers. During the 2024/25 academic year, we raised over £2,400 for the school. So far in 2025/26, we have raised £1,261, primarily through serving refreshments at school events and at the ERC Dance Championships. We have also generated almost £100 through Easy Fundraising.

There are still three fundraising events to come in June where we will be providing refreshments, including two school show evenings. In addition, our summer raffle is currently underway and has already raised more than £800. As a result, we are hopeful that our total fundraising for 2025/26 will be comparable to that achieved in 2024/25.

Denny and Laura will be stepping down as Co-Chairs at the end of this session. At present, no volunteers have come forward to take on these roles, so the future operation of the PTA remains uncertain. We will be actively recruiting new members, including committee members, at the start of the next school session. The PTA plays an important role in supporting the school, and we would particularly welcome additional volunteers who are willing to help organise events and activities. With a few more people involved, we can continue to make a valuable contribution to the school community.

I would like to thank my fellow Parent Council members for all their support and I wish them all the best for the future.

On behalf of the parent council, we also wish to thank Shona McWilliams for all her admin support. Shona, who retired at the end of 2025 was a huge help and we have definitely missed her.

A special thanks to Mrs Sinclair, Senior Management Team and all teachers, support workers and everyone involved in the day to day running of the school.

Adele Thomson

Parent Council Chair