

Parent Council Newsletter

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➤ A PLACE FOR ALL PARENTS TO KEEP IN TOUCH AND GET INVOLVED

✓ A WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Welcome Parents

I'm sure you will all agree that recent times have been extremely challenging and the Parent Council has continued to play a role in supporting the school in whichever way we can. We have also seen some seismic changes and have increased significantly to 21 enthusiastic members. We work with the school to improve the standard and quality of our children's education and to represent your views, those of all parents and carers. To that end I would encourage you all to complete our short survey [here](#) and tell us what matters most to you.

Our Parent Council meetings are currently virtual and everyone is welcome to attend, just [email us](#) and register your interest. We

also have a few vacant slots for councillors if you are interested in being more involved.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Donaldson and her staff on behalf of the Parent Council for their considerable efforts in making home schooling a positive experience for the children. We appreciate all they have done to bring fun and enjoyment (Mrs Waite's PE for example!) and their communication and responsiveness has been hugely appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you at future meetings of the Parent Council.

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Stevenson



Resources to help support parents can be found on [page 3](#)

✓ MEMBERS

We held our AGM virtually in November last year and were delighted that many new members joined. We also elected brand new office bearers:

Chairperson

Tennant Stevenson (P5)

Vice Chair

Adam Capek (P2 and P4)

Secretary

Jenny Bryant (P3 and P6)

Members

Hannah Bayes (P2 & P5), **Harriet Boyle** (P2 & P4), **Carole Chalmers** (P5), **Brian Cook** (P6), **Handri Cronje** (Nursery & P3), **Chris Fawbert** (P1 & P3), **Kaneez Fizza** (P5, P7), **Emma Gibson** (Nursery and P2), **Justin Haccius** (P3 & P6), **Trisha Hamilton** (P1 and P4), **Joanna Haw** (P5), **Fiona Khan** (P5), **Mike Law** (Nursery), **Fiona McMillan** (P1 & P6), **Richard Owen** (P3 and P5), **Victoria Pearson** (Nursery & P2), **Felicity Rose** (P4 & P6), **Jane Thomson** (P5).

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How would you like us to communicate?



**Netherlee
Parent
Council**

If you would like to contact the parent council you can reach us via email or by contacting a member directly.



netherleeparentcouncil@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE

MATTERS RELATED TO INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN SHOULD ALWAYS BE RAISED DIRECTLY WITH THE SCHOOL



FURTHER INFORMATION

YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARENT COUNCIL ON OUR WEBSITE [HERE](#)

✓ RESOURCES, ADVICE & SUPPORT

Resources for Parents

We are a member of CONNECT the national organisation for parents' groups in Scottish schools.

This supports parents who want to get involved in their children's school by providing advice and information.

CONNECT have been supporting parent councils throughout the pandemic.

They also offer a range of resources and advice to help parents as well as parent councils and PTAs, which can be found on their website [here](#).

✓ VACANCIES

We have a few slots available for parent councillors if you are interested in becoming more actively involved.

Please contact us to find out more

[Get in touch](#) ➔

✓ HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT MEETINGS

Home Learning

In mid-January the council gathered together an analysis of common views and experiences of home learning and fed this back to the school. This was positively received. More recent school drop-in clinics continue to provide a channel of communication direct between parents and the school.

Traffic Control

A local resident has raised a concern with the local authority about the high speed of traffic along Clarkston Road at drop-off and collection times. It is noted other schools often have a 20 mile per hour limit close to school crossings and entrances. Councillor Ireland is currently liaising with the Roads department regarding this matter and the PC will continue to feedback on progress.

Weekly School Mail

A number of parents have requested that school communications be extended to more than one parental email address per child. Communications will now automatically go to both sets of contact details.

Please note that the Friday bundle is always available through the school website on a Friday afternoon.

[Friday Bundle](#) ➔

School Performance

At a recent meeting Yvonne Donaldson updated the Parent Council on Netherlee's Standardised Test results in Literacy and Numeracy for P3, 5 and 7 for last year. This demonstrated that attainment has continued to improve on previous years and was well above East Renfrewshire Council average.

➔ Full minutes can be accessed from the Parent Council website [here](#).

GET IN TOUCH

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT THE PARENT COUNCIL YOU CAN REACH US VIA **EMAIL** OR BY CONTACTING A MEMBER DIRECTLY.

East Renfrewshire Education News

East Renfrewshire Education department have recently released a draft of their Education local improvement plan for 2021-2024. This includes planning for recovery of learning loss as a result of the impact of Covid over the next 3 years. It is

expected that schools will use the Local Improvement Plan with their own self-evaluation to identify priorities for inclusion in their own improvement plans. Local Parent Councils are invited to review and send feedback in the coming weeks.

Parent Club

Other resources to help support parents during the pandemic can be found on the **Parent Club Scotland** website.

The **National Parent Forum of Scotland** also provide advice on 'Learning at Home in Lockdown' to support parents which includes links to organisations that offer advice and support for looking after your family's wellbeing. It emphasizes the importance of working in partnership with our schools, reaching out to ask for support from them if and when we need it.



✓ PARENT COUNCIL KEY FOCUS 2021

Support through the Pandemic

With parents playing a more significant role in their children's education in this challenging time it is more important than ever that parents have a voice in educational matters. Our aim is to help the school and parent community work more effectively in partnership to support the learning and wellbeing of our children during this period of change.

Supporting Communications with Parents and Carers

This is one of our key responsibilities and we will be looking at new ways to improve our communications and encourage wider engagement and participation within our parent and carer community.

Relationship with PTA

Although we have a different focus it is important that the PTA and Parent Council work together effectively and this is something we are looking at this year and how we can leverage each other's strengths to have the best impact for our children.

Refreshing our Constitution

With the recent influx of new members and office bearers in the Parent Council it is a good time to review and update our constitution, ensuring it reflects our current remit and that our guidelines and processes are fit for purpose, such as the rules regarding membership.

Exploring viability of Improved Sports Facilities / Multi-use Sports Ground

The Parent Council will be exploring the feasibility of improving the sports facilities available to the school through development of a multi-use sports pitch in the vicinity. This will entail considering options, assessing the benefits to children and potential impacts on the local community.



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✓ FEEDBACK

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Tell us how you would like us to communicate and influence the school improvement plan

Please complete by Sunday 21st March

[Go to Survey](#)

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