

## Wormit Parent Council Information

All parents of a child at Wormit Primary School and Nursery Class are members of the Parent Forum and can attend, speak at and raise agenda items at Parent Council meetings. Parent Council members are elected from amongst the Parent Forum and non-parents can be co-opted onto the council to support its work.

The Parent Council is not run by the Headteacher or the school, it is run by parents for parents and to support the life and work of the school. Examples of what Parent Council might do are:

- Fundraising to support the work of the school
- Organisation of social events to support and build the school
- Support parental consultation
- Welcome new parents to the school community by providing information or organising events
- Support Family Learning through organising curricular events

This list is not exhaustive!

More information is available here: [What is a Parent Council](#) and here: [A Parents Guide to Parent Council](#) . These documents are produced by Connect ([Home :: Connect](#)) who are an organisation who support Parent Councils and PTAs in Scotland. All Fife Parent Councils have membership of Connect.

The Parent Council should not be confused with a Board of Governors – this organisation does not exist within the Scottish Education System. The Parent Council does not decide policy or procedure but its scope does most definitely extend beyond fundraising and there is an important role for Parent Council in representing the views of the Parent Forum and supporting consultation, the school improvement planning process and policy development. Parent Council are actively involved when a school is inspected and when a new Headteacher is appointed.

Not all parents want to be involved in all aspects of the Parent Council's work, some parents lean towards wanting to be involved in social events and fundraising whereas other lean towards wanting to be involved in consultation work. There is scope for different meetings to have different agendas or for there to be sub-committees. Some schools run with a Parent Council and a separate PTA (Parent Teacher Association) – as Wormit has done in the past - and others run with a Parent Council which also runs fundraising and takes on the role of a PTA. The decision of whether to have one organisation or two lays with the Parent Forum.