

Parent Council @ Lochend Community High School

Information Sheet

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What is a Parent Council:

The Parent Council is a group of parents who represent parent views and work in partnership with school staff and the local authority to achieve the best for all pupils. Having a Parent Council allows the collective view of parents to be represented on matters such as the quality and standards of education at the school and other matters of interest.



What do Parent Councils do?

The main aim of a Parent Council is to try to represent all parents/carers, help the school community be successful and support improvement where needed.

The duties of a Parent Council are not written into legislation so it is up to each Parent Forum to decide what they want their PC to do.

There are many things a Parent Council may get involved in, including:

- Discuss (and where needed act on) issues of interest to parents, including school policies (e.g. behaviour, homework/home learning, health & safety).
- Helping parents to support their child's learning.
- Making sure that parents get the information they need in an accessible way and the school gets feedback on parents views.
- Improving links between all parents and the school/local authority.
- Involvement in the school inspection process.
- Organising and running extra-curricular clubs and activities.

The Parent Council must be involved in:

- the appointment of senior staff, e.g. the recruitment of a new Headteacher.
- school inspections.
- the development of the School Improvement Plan and Standards & Quality Reports.

