

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of St Angela's Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 22nd October 2025 at 6.30pm.

Present: Safa Yousaf, Aidan Kerlin, Lorna Isaac, Eabhnat Ní Laighin, Natasha Mirza, Thomas Morrison, Aqsa Imran.

Apologies: Rachel, Paul, Siobhán, Luciana

Minutes of last meeting – Approved by Aqsa & Natasha.

Meeting – Natasha Mirza

Natasha welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Aidan to open with a prayer.

Apologies given and minutes of last meeting approved.

Head Teacher's Report – Aidan Kerlin

Staffing

Sidrah – EAL Teacher is off on Maternity Leave – We wish her well following arrival on baby boy. EAL is an important role within the school. Lyndsey Nicholas has previous EAL experience so she will cover EAL and Miss Niamh Devenney will cover P5.4 for the remaining of the year. This will ensure continuity and best provision for pupils.

Zenab Bashir – CDO – Off on Maternity Leave – we wish her well when the new arrival comes

Niamh Devenney – Covering P5/4 now that Linsey Nicholas is covering EAL - both teachers will do upcoming Parent Teacher meetings together.

Leigh Celino – No longer works in St Angela's Nursery

Douglas Huthcison has today resigned as Director of Education

Pupils

Roll at date of census 10th September was 349 – we predicted 357. This is down on 8 from our projection.

Did not result in a staffing cut. Current roll is now 343.

P1 Enrolment on Week beginning 3rd November – Parents are welcome to pop in and see school.

Budget / Finances

School Fund audit completed by Moira Ohara.

Funding sourced for families unable to pay for Ardentinnny through St V D P £1000 and Lord Provost Fund. £1000 Good financial position for the trip

Core budgets are tight – but all within budget

Curriculum/School Improvement

School improvement steps ongoing

Makaton training tomorrow night for staff, Mrs Isaac at training today, part of SIP

Mandy and Angela T attended Glasgow Reads training today. Reading attainment has been identified as an area for improvement.

Pupil Committees underway – Eco, Playground, JLT, Culture, Internet Safety, Active Travel, Equalities Each committee has a noticeboard.

Thanks to pupils that auditioned for places

Standards and Quality Report

Sent to PC – approval required.

Building

heating working, no leaks just now, issue with fences

Fences - The fence along the “wooden path” needs to be replaced, short life left, unlikely to be replaced the length of the car park, need to have playground secure for safety , will need PC support for funding support in the near future.

Road Safety – Day of action Thursday 16th September.

Following the poor levels of adherence to our Car Free Zone, and concerns being raised over local parking behaviours, Police Scotland and NRS (Neighbourhood and Regeneration Services) facilitated a day of action on Thursday 16th September. We thank these groups for their support and we hope to see improved behaviours when transporting children to and from school .

We spoke about changing the traffic light signals before 9am and after 3pm but the council have said they can't be changed during school day and then changed back as they are on a set rotation.

We have an Active Travel Committee working on road safety too.

Thomas: The council could extend the fence on the traffic island to increase capacity for safe waiting.

Aidan: We will add this to our suggestions.

Church Rep

Meeting on 5th Nov – Fr Byrne and Fr Joe meeting me on Monday to discuss further. PC invited to attend. Fr Byrne is undertaking School chaplain work in the school and I will invite him to join our Parent Council as parish rep.

The **second** Archdiocesan Meeting of Parent Council Representatives which will take place on **Wednesday the 5th of November at 6:30pm in St Thomas Aquinas Secondary, Glasgow (G14 9PP).**

After School Care

Confirmation that afterschool care is beginning on Monday 27th October. Families are welcome to register and all queries to be directed to Danielle Campbell.

Aidan: The janitor's house will soon be empty and this could potentially be used as a community or school space but discussions would need to be had with GCC.

Eabhna: This will affect SALTIRE's afterschool access to the allotment so we would be very interested in being involved in any discussions around this.

Residential

Plans in place for pupils to attend on 10th November – Thanks to Mrs Thomson for support. Mrs Thomson Mrs Shaw, P7s not going with P7/6s

Numbers have gone up, date changed to 10th Nov, more people on board,

Aqsa – the talk didn't sell it no photos and no detail of activities.

Aidan: We'll provide feedback

Afterschool Clubs

Appendix 1 – Afterschool clubs chart

More clubs to be added in the coming weeks / months.

PVG

PVG Guidance has changed. Will affect school and parent volunteers significantly. I am aware that this is in the agenda. Red Tape – will impact PC

Regulated roles need PVG e.g chair of PC. is making decision that impact children therefore should have PVG.

Panto / Halloween disco – non-PVG members not ever alone.

PC already has registered for PVG scheme & Eabhna is the named person for this. This will make the process easier going forward.

Christmas

Panto Payment opened

£140/348 are paid. £840/2088 Paid – to cover ticket costs only, not busses

Monday, 1st December - Pantomime P1a, P1b, P2a, P2b

Tuesday, 2nd December - Pantomime P3a, P3b, P4, P5/4

Wednesday, 3rd December - Pantomime P5, P6/5 and P6

Thursday, 4th December - Pantomime P7 and P7/6

Friday, 12th December - Nursery and P1 Christmas Show - 9:30 and 2:00

Monday, 15th December - P2 and P3 Christmas Nativity - 9:30 and 2:00

Tuesday, 16th December - P4-P7 Christmas Show - 9:30 and 2:00

Thursday, 18th December - Christmas Parties in class

Christmas Fayre – 29th November

Shortfall of 1500 from buses. Pupils to fundraise to meet this cost at the Christmas Fayre each class aiming for £100. Staff meeting soon to discuss enterprise.

Appendix 2 - Cost of School Day Survey Results – Sept 2025

Results from the survey were shared and discussed.

Thomas made a donation for £100 towards Christmas Fayre, gratefully received.*

Aqsa: What if parents don't pay the kids don't get on the bus? That might incentivise parents to pay.

Natasha: Perhaps they don't pay because the child doesn't want to go.

Aidan: Some schools say, "if you don't pay, we assume you don't want to go" but I wouldn't like to exclude pupils for money reasons. We need communication from parents if they can't afford it and there are channels to get funds to go.

Safa: Are supports in place to help families with payment methods. Could we have a drop in session about information on how to pay.

Aidan: We can offer support, perhaps a drop in or support during parents nights from the PC

Aqsa: We did that for the bus passes before and Paul helped someone apply.

Aidan: In the survey people said they are happy to pay between £10 and £25 for trips.

Lorna: don't think it's the amount – more problems with the system of payment.

Aqsa: it's also knowing that if you don't pay your kid still gets to go

Natasha: Is it that the trip to Ayr beach is the same each year?

Aidan: We're not going to Ayr this year as that is a factor. We will decide on other place to go in the new year.

Lorna: Perhaps if we have a 3 year rolling list of places to go.

Attendance update

Stats reviewed and action taken by HT and DHT

Learning Communities priorities. **Appendix 3 - St Paul's Learning Community Attendance Mission Statement**

The letter template is unpopular and parents dislike it. However, I need to follow protocol and it is the letter I need to use.

Cost of School Day Survey

Results sent and action undertaken. 67 respondents. Parent Council support would be appreciated to alleviate cost of school day. Uniform cost is the biggest concern families have. 98% say we ask for too little or the right amount of contribution towards trips. Families are aware of where to go for support and happy with the amount of notice given for payments.

Action: email SQR all members and ask for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Aqsa Imran

Total in account £15,589,25

PC money £1808.92

SALTIRE money £13,110.83

NURSERY money £669.50

PC

Money in

Autumn disco ticket sales

A booking for Xmas fayre? Have contacted person

Money out

Leaving gift for Fiona

Minutes and let for last pc meeting
Let for autumn disco
Donation to UNICEF for Gaza

SALTIRE
Money in
Fee for running composter workshop

Money out
Paid for 3 saltire workshop picnics
Paid Sapna for first pic workshop
Paid for materials to build compost shelter
Paid for bark
Spring bulbs
Pallet collars
Pumpkins for adult wellbeing workshops
Paid Safina and Rachel for the composting workshops

SALTIRE Update – Eabhnat Ní Laighin

Adult Workshops:

Our adult workshops have begun with cookery and pumpkin carving. The full adult calendar for the year is almost finalised and will be shared with families shortly.

Steering Group:

We hope to give the group more ownership of the grounds and the work undertaken. We have created four subgroups with responsibility for different areas.

The girls were also involved in recording for a Stirling University research project on 23rd September. The project is about disrupting hierarchies in learning, specifically in literacy. The lead researcher Jess Anderson attended the Celebration Event in June and was keen to document the project. It will feature it in the final dissertation film piece next year.

Pupil Work:

Our pupil workshops started with lots of clearing in the biodiversity meadow and the allotment, as well as mulching trees and refreshing the bark in the sensory garden.

Muddy Movers:

Muddy movers has started back for P1s with great success. So far they have done Apple picking in the orchard, we've visited the allotment and talked about the composters and had a go at turning them, we've made nature wands and done some 'magic' and this week we did Rangoli chalk art in the playground for Diwali. Thanks to Rachel for her continued work with this.

Funding:

We were successful in more funding applications:

- BUPA Staff selection Fund via Spiderarts £5000, £2000 for allotment and £3000 for outdoor play workshops with Spider Arts
- Co-op – selected as one of their local causes for 25/26, members vote for us and the amount we get depends on the number of votes, but will be between £1000 - £2000.
- Bupa Foundation Green Grant £2000

Allotment Development:

Sowing Seeds are booked in for November to build two more adult raised beds. Border and bark all 3 areas and help us build a shelter for the composting area including rain water collection. This will mean a significant improvement in how the allotment looks as well as increasing and sustaining our food growing capacity.

Composting:

Composting started again yesterday, thanks to Mrs Shaw for organising.

Barrhead High have contacted us asking for help with composting food waste from school and will arrange to visit the site in the coming weeks.

Family Gardening Club:

A family gardening club will start next week running on Tuesdays 3- 4pm and a few Saturday morning dates 10-11am. All welcome.

Parent Council Business: Natasha Mirza**Minute Taker**

Eabhna: Labhaoise would like to thank the group for the opportunity to take minutes last year but will be unable to continue this year due to work and uni commitments. I am happy to do them as I am a co-opted member unless anyone else wants to.

Natasha: Rachel or I could do them if you can't attend.

Disclosure Scotland

Aidan – if you take on a regulated role you need a PVG, guidelines are loose but we'd want to err on the side of caution. Because of SALTIRE we have a core group already PVG'd. Discos are the difficulty. I think we need to be strategic about who gets PVG'd. SLT are happy to be there for this disco until PVG membership is sorted out but teachers shouldn't be counted towards the adult: pupil ratio for PC events. Guidance and compliance needs to come from PC, we'll have PVG and Non-PVG parent volunteers. Non pvg'd volunteers need to be with the masses only, along with PVG members. This is to protect volunteers themselves as well as pupils.

There is a difference of need for Routine events v one off events. Autumn disco is a one off event each year.

Lorna: If you have regular volunteers it would be worthwhile to PVG them.

Aidan: However, if you're PVGing volunteers it puts more responsibility on them.

Thomas: You need at least 4 adults in the hall

Aidan: there was talk of tattoos

Natasha: Rachel has said she can do that

Aidan: The person selling would need to be a PVG person because they have direct one to one contact with pupils.

Safa: Should we PVG all PC members

Aidan: I don't think that's a bad idea

Thomas: I'm happy to do that

Safa: I can do that too, I will contact you Eabhnat

Aidan: The ratio is 1:10

Thomas: It's normally 65 – 80 children at early disco and the later disco is max 90 pupils

Natasha: so 10 for the second and 7 for the second

Aidan: it needs to be set on ticket sales and we need to be strict about the deadline. If a child walks in the door and puts it over the limit you need another adult. The volunteer form needs to go out.

Natasha: we were waiting for a question about PVG

Aidan: You could ask "are you willing to be PVGd?"

Aidan: (Reading from the training notes)

Regulated Roles with Children

Contact

The first consideration is whether there is contact with children.

The Disclosure (Scotland) Act defines children as everyone under 18.

- Physical contact
- Written communication
- Verbal Communication
- Visual Communication

- Exercising power or influence

Thomas: we're lucky because the school is a small space

Aidan: Staff can cover toilets for this disco

Parish Representation - covered

Bus Funding

Eabhnat: The area partnership £500 bus fund is for one off bus trips not a series of trips over the course of a year so there has been some confusion about the application. We have applied for £500 to cover busses until the start of march, which is in this financial year. This would count as our application for the year as organisations are expected to apply only once. We will need to discuss covering busses beyond March in the new year but it doesn't feel like a good use of our one area partnership application.

Aidan: Also, it only benefits 10 children.

Eabhnat: Yes, that was another point, PC funds should benefit all pupils as much as possible.

Aidan: Other schools ask parents to collect children and deliver them to Nethercraigs or the children walk there. We're a little further away and it is nice to know that the bus will be there and all pupils can make it. We could also ask parents to contribute to bus hire, however it doesn't impact all pupils who do Tuesday night and Thursday nights football and currently pay £25 Sept - Dec.

Aqsa: If they went elsewhere they'd pay at least £30 a month

Thomas: One place I know kids pays £11 a week

Aidan: We will need to bring it back to the table in April

Sign Language / Makaton

Safa: There are free BSL resources available and I wondered if the school would be interested in them. I could send them on.

Aidan: We currently have no BSL users and Makaton is more accessible pupils with more complex needs.

Lorna: Makaton is used by a lot of ASN units and is supported across GCC.

Safa: Also Families Connect offer resources for a P1 parenting course. They have run it at St Albert's Primary. I could email the details to the school if you'd be interested.

Aidan: Yes please, thanks.

Safa: If there's anything else I can help with let me know.

Actions:

Start process of PVG for PC Volunteers

Bus funding to be discussed in the new year.

Safa sending BSL and Families Connect

Events & Fundraising: Natasha Mirza

Autumn Disco

Thomas: Crisps, drink, chocolate treat last year

Aqsa: we might not be able to afford it all

Thomas: leave out the chocolate

Thomas: I can go to Costco.

Natasha: We need to start from scratch because there's nothing left over from previous events.

Aidan: You could ask for free donations. Mark Paton, community liaison for Sainsbury's donated snacks for the Colour Run.

Thomas: I could ask friends for staff discount at Sainsbury's

Lorna: best to get snacks at last minute when you know numbers.

Thomas: And get extra because people show up on the night Are we doing best costume? I'll get boxes of celebrations for the prizes, two prizes for each disco.

Aqsa: Keep it similar as previous years

Aidan: 100 children have bought tickets, £257 taken in so far. It will go up with a reminder.

Aqsa: it only went out yesterday

Lorna: we'll talk about it in assembly too and promote it

Natasha: I'll need to adapt last year's email for volunteers. Do we have glowsticks?

Aqsa: There might be some left in the cupboard

Aidan: They will need to be told to bring cash for glow sticks

Thomas: Tell them just a couple of pounds. Plus put the pick up time in bold in communication.

Aidan: The outdoor lights have been fixed and are bright so that won't be an issue.

Natasha: what do we do for music?

Thomas: We have a boom box and lights and someone makes a Spotify playlist

Aidan – clean version of songs!

Leavers' Hoodies

Natasha: Luciana said the leavers hoodies have been ordered and will be with children in time for residential trip.

Aidan: Yes even with the new date, we managed to get it all prepared in time.

Actions: check for glow sticks, buy prizes, snacks bought closer to the time, volunteer form sent out, volunteers emailed and asked if they'd be willing to be PVGd. Volunteers organised according to PVG status.

School Events / Parental contribution – Aidan Kerlin

Parental contribution for school events

Road Safety

covered earlier

AOCB:

Aidan: Do we need to discuss the Christmas Fayre? The next meeting is 19th Nov. What do we need to do in advance?

Aqsa: Yes. We need the letter for Silverburn and shops

Aidan: Safa got a great prize from Silverburn. She must have contacts there.

Aqsa: We need to update the sign up forms and signs

Aidan: Lisa in nursery will do Santa and, as last year, they pay and keep the funds.

Aqsa: Yes that worked out well last year and they got similar to what we usually gave them.

Natasha: are we keeping the tables prices the same?

Aqsa: Yes that form will need to be updated

Thomas: we'll have to ask for tombola prizes, toys etc.

Aidan: The sooner we get that out the better

Thomas: No alcohol

Aqsa: Are we doing a raffle?

Lorna: If we get a decent prize.

Thomas: The tombola is cheaper to play with lower value prizes, and the raffle has better prizes.

Aidan: we need used toys & books tombola, raffle,

Natasha: we then need someone to sort them

Aqsa: Yes we'll go in on the Friday

Eabhnat: Will there be food?

Aqsa: Last year we did Roll and Sausage and that made a lot

Lorna: Paul got halal sausages.

Aidan: Add that to the communication that it can be food stalls as well as items for sale. Children will also have their stalls

The main hall is for tombola etc, stalls in the corridor, santa right down along the corridor, toys for sale in the classroom beside Santa,

Natasha: tinsel hair might be a good thing

Aidan: PVG not so much an issue because children are there with parents and not being left to be supervised by volunteers.

Are we getting a bouncy castle? Could we get it just when we see the weather forecast?

Aqsa: It would be better to get it in advance and it did well last year.

Grounds maintenance:

Aidan: May I ask about the land at the entrance to the P1 play park.

Eabhnat: That's the biodiversity meadow. Half of it is cleared and the other half is on the agenda for Tuesday's SALTIRE. Why have they mowed it?

Aidan: No, it's not mown.

Eabhnat: Because they mowed our strawberry bed and two gooseberry bushes in the orchard.

Aidan: They shouldn't be mowing again until the Spring. Will you also be laying bark?

Eabhnat: Yes, we'll lay more bark on Tuesday as well as clearing the meadow.

Aidan: Thanks

Actions: Christmas Fayre planning. Tidy the front of the school and bark play areas.

Meeting ended 8.10pm. Natasha thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution.

Date of next meeting: 19th Nov '25

Appendix 1 – After School Clubs

Afterschool Activity	Date	Stage
Golf Fit	30/9 - 28/10	P6 and P7
Circuit Training	24/9 - 22/10	P4 and P5
Games	29/10 - 19/11	P2 and P3
Gymnastics	3/11 – 24/11	P1
Gymnastics	4/11 – 25/11	P2 and P3
AR26 Charity Transition Programme (During School)	23/10 – 27/11	P7

You will receive an online form from the school |

closer to the time in order to sign up

*£100 cash received by Mr Kerlin for Christmas Fayre Funds, counted and witnessed by the group.

Appendix 2 - Cost of School Day Survey Results – Sept 2025



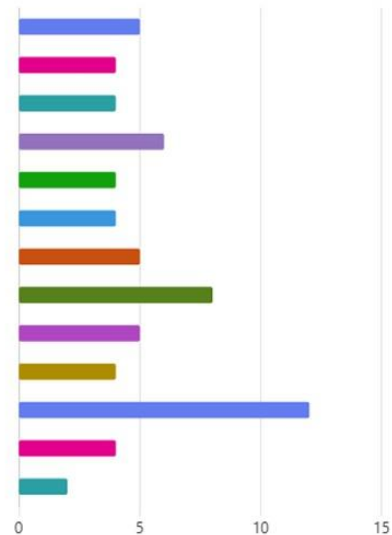
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. What class(es) is your child in?

P1a	5
P1b	4
P2a	4
P2b	6
P3a	4
P3b	4
P4	5
P5/4	8
P5	5
P6/5	4
P6	12
P7/6	4
P7	2



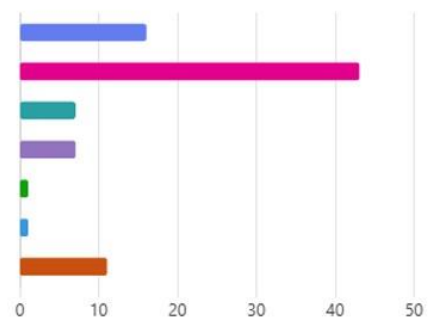
How would you describe the schools approach to asking for financial contributions

The school asks for too little financial contributions	23
The school asks for a fair amount of financial contributions	41
The school asks for too much financial contributions	1



Which of the following items, events or activities have the biggest financial impact on your family?

Lunch and Snacks	16
Uniform	43
Trips	7
Breakfast Club	7
Homework	1
Travel to and from school	1
None of the above	11



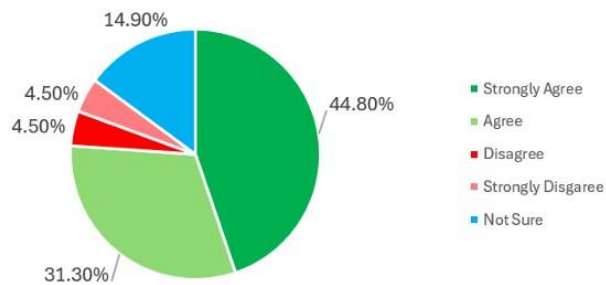


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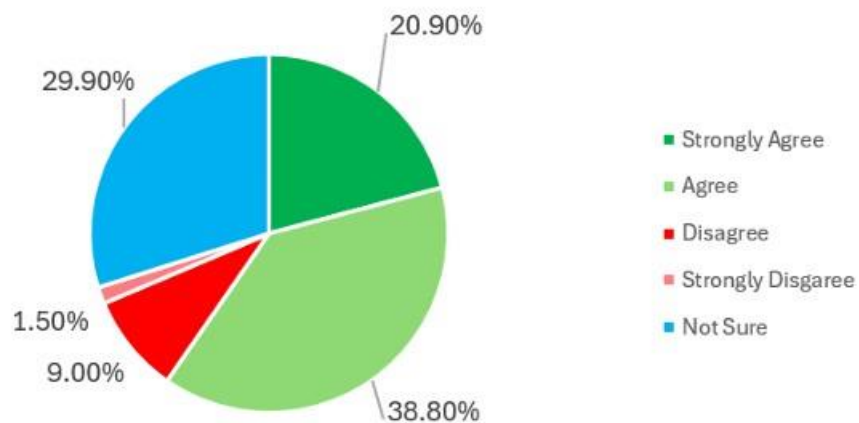
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I know how I would go about applying for free school meals and clothing grants



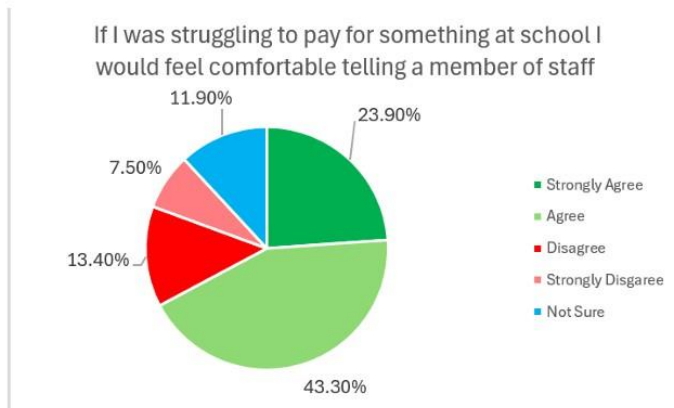
I think there is enough support for families finding it difficult to afford school costs



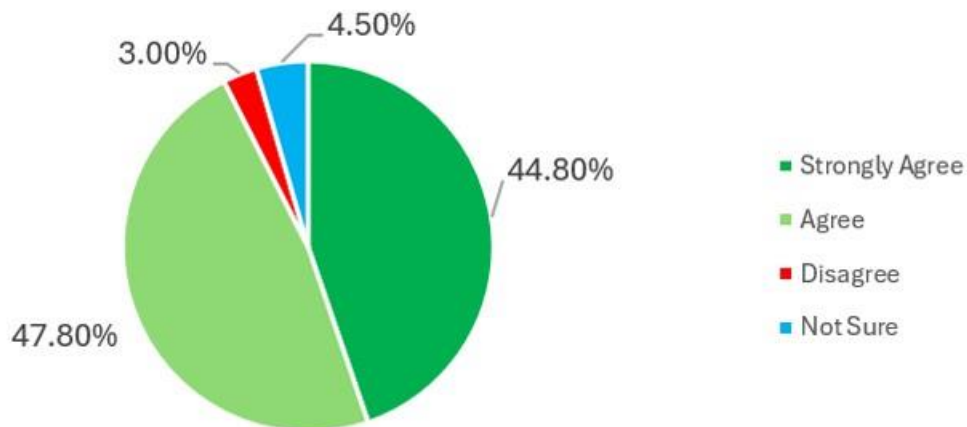


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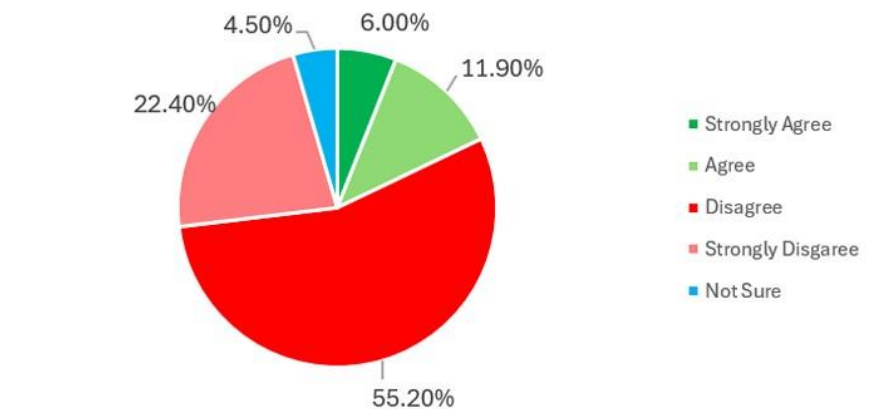
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I am given plenty of notice if the school is asking for money



It is difficult to afford all of the things my child needs for school





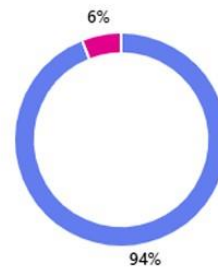
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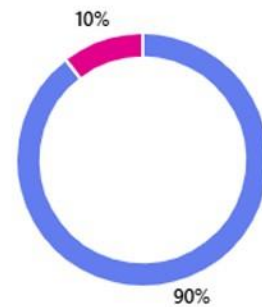
I am confident in using ParentPay, and know who to ask if I have technical problems

● Yes 63
● No 4



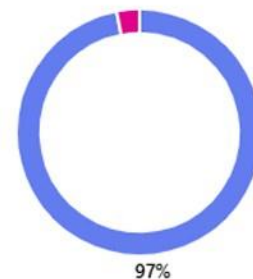
Do you regularly support the Playground Draw at the end of each month?

● Yes 60
● No 7



Do you think the Playground Draw is a good way of raising funds for school?

● Yes 65
● No 2





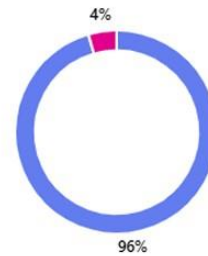
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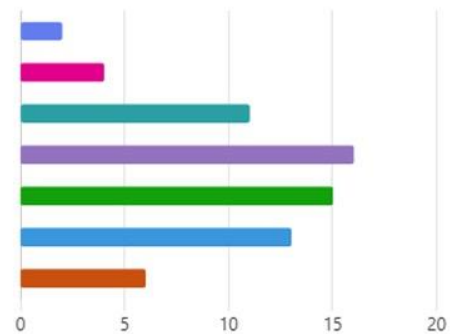
Do you think that families should pay for school trips? (To the Pantomime at Christmas, Summer trip to Ayr Beach etc)

- Yes 64
- No 3



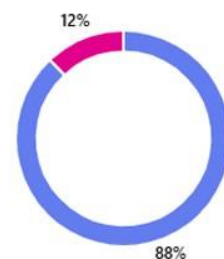
What is a fair amount to pay in a year for a child to attend a Christmas Trip AND a Summer Trip.

- £0 2
- Between £1 and £5 4
- Between £5 and £10 11
- Between £10 and £15 16
- Between £15 and £20 15
- Between £20 and £25 13
- More than £25 6



The **Colour Run** was used last year to raise funds for the School. Do you think this should be a regular feature in the school calendar?

- Yes 59
- No 8





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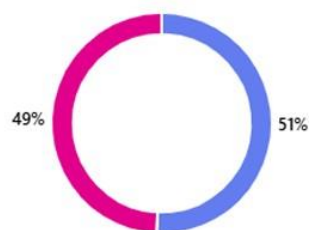
Should the school charge a small entry fee for Christmas Shows?

● Yes 33
● No 34



If a family hasn't contributed towards the cost of a trip AND hasn't communicated that they need financial support, should that child attend the trip?

● Yes 34
● No 33





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You Said	We will do
98% felt that the school approached asking for financial contributions in a fair manner.	Continue to approach the Cost of the School day in a collaborative fashion with families
50% of the respondents felt that uniform is the biggest financial burden from school.	Continue to promote that we do NOT require uniform with a school logo.
93% felt enough notice was given from the school when asking for money	Continue to communicate around funds in a timeous manner
65% felt that the panto and summer trip should cost between £10 and £25 per child	Aim to find best value for trips within this price range
88% felt that the colour run should be a regular feature in the school calendar	Continue Colour Run at present (Sat 16 th May)
50% felt the school should charge for Christmas shows	A donation bucket will be available at Christmas Shows. An online donation option will also be available. No requirement to financially support Christmas Show.
50% felt the school should NOT charge for Christmas shows	
50% felt a child should attend a trip if their family haven't paid or communicated	If pupils cost is not covered, and no communication has been received, contact will be made by the school to the family to offer support.
50% felt a child should NOT attend a trip if their family haven't paid or communicated	Pupils will fundraise at Christmas Fayre to cover cost of bus to Panto's as part of Class Enterprise project.

Appendix 3 – St Paul's Learning Community Attendance Mission Statement



St Paul's Learning Community
Attendance Mission Statement



We are committed to working with our families to...



**Increase
pupil
attendance**





**Reduce
unauthorised
absences**



**Remove barriers
to school
non-attendance**