

### Update of PC Aims

We hope to update the PC aims to incorporate the terminology used by Newmill Primary. The aims will be titled in accordance with the Newmill Primary values "Belong, Support, Grow, Aspire". This will be beneficial for the pupils, staff, and PC. By aligning our aims and values, we are supporting the school to provide a shared language that is used by all. It also provides new opportunities for the PC to progress.

- agenda items for meetings can be categorised to show the purpose of what we are discussing.
- Activities that the PC council engage in can be linked to both the aims of the pc and the values of the school. This will strengthen the connection of Parent Council activities to benefits it provides the pupils.
- We can link funds spent by the parent council to the values to provide a clear picture of why the spending is necessary and beneficial.
- Helpful for parents to hear terminology being used more often-supports the vision of the school and focuses on improvements in outcomes for all.
- Ensures the School community work with Parent Council to motivate and inspire others to sustain collective commitment to the vision, aims and values for the benefit of our learners.

#### Where it is included on the Connect checklist -

- we keep our constitution up to date (aims updated)
- we make sure all communication from the Parent Council and the school is written in parent friendly language (by using a shared language)
- we make sure all parents understand school policies (by increasing awareness)
- we celebrate our successes and thank all helpers (this will enable us to show links to what we and any helpers have achieved and the benefits the efforts have provided)

### Things to keep in mind

What a parent council does (from Education Scotland website) -

- Work in partnership with the school to decide on the key priorities to take forward.
- Provide a voice for parents in school and in the local authority on issues that are important to them.
- Improve the school's understanding of how to engage parents in their children's learning and in the life of the school.
- Support the school to develop strong home/school partnerships.
- Communicate regularly with the Parent Forum to both hear their views and keep them informed.
- Support improvement by discussing the school's strengths and areas for development from a parental perspective.
- Help make links with the wider community.
- Capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge, and experience that parents can offer.

Terminology to use where possible

- belong
- support
- grow
- aspire
- growth mindset
- road to awesome
- bucket filling
- climbing the tower of learning together.
- Feedforward
- Newmill Ninja Mindset

P.C Aim	To work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming environment which is inclusive for all parents/guardians and pupils
School Value: Belong	We work together to ensure we all feel welcomed, included and experience equity of opportunity. We take care of each other's 'buckets' and protect the rights of everyone in our community.
Proposed PC	We work together to ensure all families feel welcomed, included and that there is a shared understanding of wellbeing and children's rights across our whole school community. We communicate regularly with families, to keep them informed and to hear their views.

P.C Aim	<b>To promote close co-operation and communication between the school and parents/guardians</b>
<u>School Value:</u> <u>Support</u>	<i>We work together to make and maintain positive relationships and promote emotional wellbeing. We learn from one another. We ensure that all our young people feel supported to do their best.</i>
Proposed PC	We work together to make and maintain a positive partnership between the families, school and wider community. We ensure that all our families are encouraged to embrace the role they play in their child's learning and life of the school. We represent all families on issues that are important to them.

<b>P.C Aim</b>	<b>To develop and engage in activities which support and advance the education and wellbeing of pupils attending the school</b>
<u>School Value: Grow</u>	<i>Our learning community demonstrates a growth mindset, empowering all learners to be appropriately challenged and enjoy high quality learning experiences. We work hard to ensure learning is motivating and meaningful and well matched to the needs and interests of all.</i>
<i>Proposed PC</i>	We support the school to empower all learners to be appropriately challenged and enjoy high quality learning experiences. We discuss the school's progress from a parental perspective to help them on the road to awesome, focusing on improvements in outcomes for all.

<b>P.C Aim</b>	<b>To represent and discuss the views of parents/guardians on matters affecting the education and wellbeing of pupils attending the school</b>
<u>School Value: Aspire</u>	<i>We work together to meet our high expectations and aspire to take the 'road to awesome'. We motivate each other to take increasing responsibility for our own learning and apply maximum effort to achieve identified targets.</i>
<i>Proposed PC</i>	To meet our high expectations, we capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents can offer. As we climb the tower of learning together with the school, we inspire opportunities for meaningful engagement to ensure families are feeling included, that they are participating, achieving and progressing.

PC aims were amended during PC meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by all present. These will be presented to the parent forum via School Newsletter and voted on via Microsoft Forms. A majority in favour of the amended aims in the vote is essential for the change to be implemented.