

AIRDRIE ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL CHARTER



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Working Together

The Parent Council brings parents and teachers together to provide an opportunity for everyone to work towards a common goal, to be involved and to help support the school. All parents and teachers are welcome, and can get involved even if they only have a small amount of time available. Whatever you are able to offer, the school will benefit from working together with parents and offers the opportunity for parents to be more involved in school life.

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INTRODUCTION

Learning begins and continues at home. Parents and families are of course a child's first teachers, and they continue to make a difference to children's learning as they grow older. Information and support helps parents make the most of school education, and also helps guide children towards successful learning and development.

There are lots of ways in which schools, parents, families and the community can work together to give children and young people the best possible education. Schools are most effective when they develop positive relationships with parents and the community they serve. The Parent Council supports these relationships and works with the school to achieve its objectives, listen and make improvements where needed.

Parent Council | Who we are

The Parent Council is made up of parents* and also additional co-opted members who help run the meetings and assist with tasks such as organising events and taking minutes. A minimum number of four parents of children who attend the school are required, and the maximum number of members is fifteen.

Any parent of a child at the school can volunteer to be a member as long as they have a child at the school.

The Head Teacher also normally attends our meetings and acts as an advisor; providing advice, guidance and support. He provides information on issues affecting the school, and is a link with other school staff and the local authority. Teachers also attend and provide help and support in the same way that the Head Teacher does.

The only difference between Parents and Co-Opted members, is that the Co-Opt members cannot vote on things which are raised at the meetings, and require a decision to be made.

**The term referring to parent(s) also includes and means guardian(s) throughout the document.*



Parent Council | What we do

The Parent Council; it's all about giving parents a voice.

The Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006 gives parents the right to receive information about their children's education and to be represented and have their views expressed through the Parent Council. There are many ways of gaining the views of parents and finding out what is important to them.

The aims and objectives of Airdrie Academy's Parent Council are to:

- Promote partnership between the school, its pupils and the parents
- Support the school, ensuring there are sufficient resources to provide for the education of the pupils
- Identify and represent the views of the parents on the education provided by the school, and all other matters which affect both education and welfare of the pupils
- Provide a focus for parental involvement on issues which affect the school
- Work in partnership with the school to create an environment in the school that is welcoming and this is inclusive for parents too
- Develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils

GETTING INVOLVED

We're always interested in getting more parents on board.

Not all parents in the school will feel comfortable or even be able to formally join the Parent Council, or to attend meetings, but some may be willing to help out on a more ad-hoc basis. Any contribution you could give makes a difference, so please contact the school or even a member of the parent council to find out what you could do to help.

We have a Fundraising Committee, which is separate from the parent council, and made up of a collection of both parents and teachers. Help is always appreciated, and funds all go towards the benefit of the children. Contact the school office for more information, or you can email us directly at AirdriePC@airdrie.n-lanark.sch.uk

We're always approachable, and attend many of the events being run at the school. You can contact the school by phone or send an email, the contact details are all listed at the end of this document. Parents are welcome to come along to any of the meetings held, and unless a specific issue is being discussed is felt to be confidential, everyone is welcome to attend the full meeting, and otherwise you'd be invited to go for a coffee just while the confidential discussion is taking place.



OUR MEETINGS, MEMBERS AND MINUTES AS WELL AS INFO AND EVENTS

The Parent Council have their meetings in the school building, and a list of the meeting dates is available from the school or by following the link below, these are usually held around 7pm in the evening.

As previously mentioned, anyone who isn't a member is welcome to attend. The minutes from each meeting will be posted online under the Parent Council section of the school website for all parents to view.

Planned Meeting Dates

The most up-to-date list of our regular meetings are on the school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/airdrieacademy/>

The Parent Council section can be found by choosing the 'Our School' drop down menu and then selecting the 'Parent Council' sub menu.

Members

A list of the current members is also located on the School website.

Minutes

If you would like to see the sort of topics covered then please do check out our minutes, these are normally posted just after the meetings

Info and Events

A massive part of the school and parent council all depends on you, and our events. Each year we help out at various school engagements such as parents nights, shows and of course fund raising events. The highlight of our calendar being the Annual Airdrie Academy Big Quiz night.

These events offer a chance to come into the school, get involved, grab a bargain and of course take the prizes home, as well as meet us face to face and have a chat over a coffee, so please come along as everyone is always made welcome!



FURTHER INFORMATION

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Useful Websites

Airdrie Academy Parent Council:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/airdrieacademy/parent-council/>

Education Scotland <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/>

National Parent Forum Scotland

Web: <http://www.parentforumscotland.org>

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/parentforumscotland>

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