

2025/2026
Academic
Year

16-Sep-2025

A letter from your Parent Partnership Group

Welcome All

Hello to all parents and members of the Parent Forum,

On behalf of your new Parent Partnership Group (PPG), I am pleased to welcome you to the 2025/26 academic year. This year marks a period of transition for the PPG, as we introduce a newly appointed committee and implement refreshed Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) membership requirements.

In light of these updated PVG guidelines, we regret to inform you that we are unable to host any in-person activities until all volunteers have received their PVG membership. Consequently, in-person PPG events will not take place this year. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to ensure all necessary safeguarding measures are met, and we are hopeful that normal activities will resume in 2026.

Despite these changes, the PPG remains committed to supporting our school community. We will continue to collaborate closely with the Head Teacher to assist with the Halloween and Christmas events, which will be organised and run by the school this year. Additionally, we will persist with fundraising efforts outside of the school environment, with the aim of raising funds for future events and initiatives.

Further information will be shared in due course. We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to working together throughout the year.

Open Evening

On Wednesday 24th September there is an open evening at the school, the PPG will be there with tea and coffee and will be available for any parents to come have a chat and discuss any ideas or volunteer their time/skills in upcoming events, we hope to see you there.

Grandparents Morning

On Friday 10th October the school will be hosting a morning with our grandparents. The PPG will be providing a hamper for the school to raffle on the day to raise funds for future PPG events. Donations for the hamper are welcome, see donations section below for details of how to donate.

*'The more that
you read, the
more things
you will know.
The more that
you learn, the
more places
you'll go.'* —
Dr. Seuss

A word from our Chairperson

Hello,

My name is Kristine Anderson, and I'm the proud mum of two children at New Monkland Primary School—one in Primary 1 and one in Primary 5. My family has been part of the NMPS community since 2019, when my eldest started nursery. I joined the Parent Partnership in 2024, and over the past year, I've thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in school events, supporting fundraisers, and being part of such a passionate and dedicated team.



I'm honoured to step into the role of Chair of the New Monkland Parent Partnership. Thank you for your trust and support. Alongside the rest of the elected committee, I look forward to representing the parent forum and working in partnership with the school to support our children's learning environment and experiences. Everything we do is focused on enhancing the opportunities and enjoyment of school life for all pupils.

*'All things are
difficult before
they are
easy.' —
Thomas Fuller*

We're always keen to hear from members of the parent forum. Whether you have ideas to share or specific skills that could help with events, your input is always valued. Please don't hesitate to approach me or any member of the committee—we're here to listen and work together.

Looking ahead, we're currently facing the challenge of implementing PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) requirements, which are now mandatory for groups like ours. While we're working hard to get these in place as quickly as possible, some of our usual events may not go ahead this year due to these new restrictions. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition.

In the meantime, we're collaborating with Mrs. Reid and the school team to continue supporting the amazing activities planned for the children. Looking into 2026, we already have some exciting events in the pipeline and will share updates as soon as dates are confirmed.

Thank you again for your continued support—I'm really looking forward to the year ahead.

Warm regards,

Kristine Anderson

Chair, New Monkland Parent Partnership

Our core aim

The core aim of this new PPG Committee is to give parents the power to engage with the events held for the pupils of New Monkland Primary school. We want to boost engagement not only of the parents but also seek to, through the school leadership, engage with the student council to provide events that the pupils want to be part of. Going forward we will be looking for ways to engage with parents through volunteering at events, coming up with ideas, or providing skills that they may have that will benefit the school and its pupils.

Donations

Donations and fundraising are how we as a PPG fund events held at the school.

We are now taking donations for the hamper for the Grandparents Morning Raffle and prizes for the Christmas Raffle.

Any donations can be handed to a member of the PPG committee or into the school who will pass them on to the PPG

*'Education is
the most
powerful
weapon which
you can use to
change the
world' –
Nelson
Mandela*

Your new PPG Committee Members

Vice Chairperson



Nicola (Niki) Blackhall

Treasurer



Elaine Campbell

Secretary



Zak Scotcher

Vice Secretary



Hayley Watson

What's next for the PPG

Constitution

The PPG is currently undertaking a comprehensive review and revision of its constitution. Once the updated constitution has been finalised and formally approved by the PPG, a follow-up communication will be issued to all parents to ensure everyone is informed of the changes.

Events

24-Sep-25 – School Open Evening, PPG Meet and Greet

10-Oct-25 – Grandparent Morning – Hamper Raffle, Tickets on sale

PPG Events

19-Sep-25 – Constitution revision draft submitted for members vote

22-Sep-25 – PPG Constitution vote closes

30-Sep-25 – PPG Logo competition submission deadline

30-Sep-25– PPG Logo competition submitted for student council vote

06-Oct-25 – PPG Logo competition winner announcement

31-Oct-25 – Halloween school event – Goodie & Decorations provided by PPG

30-Oct-25 – Update on PVG applications, 2026 events ideas/proposals

05-Feb-26 – Termly Parent Partnership Meeting

23-Apr-26 – Termly Parent Partnership Meeting

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forget, teach
me and I may
remember,
involve me and
I learn.'* —
*Benjamin
Franklin*

Kind Regards,

NMPS Parent Partnership Group Committee