## MINUTES OF THE OUR LADY OF GOOD AID CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL HELD ON $18^{\rm TH}$ SPETEMBER 2023

Present	Jacqueline Burns (Chair, Minutes) Carrie Whelan Mairi McGuire Katrina Heenan Donna Higgins Laura Howieson Nancy Clifford Caroline Heeney Julie Flynn Gillian McGregor Graeme Young Marie Claire Duffy
Apologies	Lynsay Connor Michelle Madden Kate Martin

Item	Action
Item 1 - Welcome	
The Chair welcomed the group to the first meeting of the new academic year	
Item 2 – Apologies	
Apologies noted as above, some committee members have resigned posts since last year	
Item 3 – Minutes and Actions of the Previous Meeting.	
Approved and no outstanding actions	
Item 4 – Head Teacher's Report	
New approach to assessment	
This year the school has introduced a new approach to assessment, this will be part of the	
daily routine of the school and part of the language of learning that the children will adopt.	
This will allow the teachers and children to articulate what they are learning and map this to different skills they are developing.	
Milestone moments will outline key learning objectives.	
Highlights in different colours and stamps.	
Raising Attainment	
Looking at projected attainment through until 2026, P1,4 and 7 data. Attainment team	
looking to work with groups of children for raising attainment across board for both support	
and challenge and based on individual child needs. Pupil progress meetings for year	
groups will look at benchmarking across the whole cohort.	
Item 5 – Fund Raising Committee Report	
Plans for this year discussed usual activities planned. First event of the year will be the	
family evening in November which has been very successful in the past.	
Item 6- Planning for 23/24 and AGM	
Discussion about the visibility of the parent council and what we could do to improve	
this. It was agreed to develop a "Meet the parent council" section on the school website	
with a few lines about each person involved, particularly those with year group roles.	

Agreed that the main committee email would be the first point of contact for any parents looking for advice, then this can be passed to other members to deal with as needed. All parent council members to write a few lines to introduce themselves for this section on the website.	All
There was a discussion about face-to-face vs in person meetings, it was agreed that a	
preference for face to face at the moment, but online was always an option in	
exceptional circumstances.	
Item 7- Update/issues from members	
Parent Portal	
Parents have reported significant issues accessing the parent portal following an email to	
review contact details/annual data check. School were not aware of this and will follow	
up with advice to parents as needed.	
School Transport	
The consultation for the school transport changes ended and was accepted by the	
council despite significant public objection to the plans. Currently to undergo the process	
of assessing safe walking routes final agreement on the final outcomes of the plan. The	
consultation report is available on NLC website. The chair will continue to explore how	
we can influence the assessment of safe walking routes for our school due to ongoing	Chair
concerns.	
Forested Area	
A member asked about the forested area adjacent to the car park, the current state of	
repair is not ideal and presents a possible hazard to children who might try to play in that	
area. This area is looked after by Fir Park, but there are plans to improve this during this	
academic year.	
Traffic on Campus	
Problems with traffic have been and ongoing concern for both staff and parents. Whilst most abide by the rules a small number of cause problems for others. There have been	
some issues with the new school year and the senior staff have been actively involved in	
managing this. Once again, the parent council are asked to remind other parents how	
fortunate we are to have such excellent parking facilities and to have a common-sense	
approach to maintaining campus safety. One slight issue of landscaping around some of	
the parking bays (overhanging branches obstructing spaces) was raised and if this could	
be improved there may be a few extra spaces available.	All
Lost Uniform Items	
Discussion around the volume of lost uniform items that the school manage daily, HT	
gave assurances that any uniform left in the playground will be collected and is kept in	
tubs at the office. Parents are welcome to come and visit the office at any time and look	
through lost uniform for any items they be missing. If there are names on uniform every	
effort will be made to get this back to the right person on the same day. Additional	
uniform left over at the end of the school year is either used as stock for spares within	
the school or donated to families that need additional support with clothing.	
School happy to take specific donations of gently used uniform items that can then be	
redistributed to the school community.	
A table will be set up at the upcoming parents evening to allow parents to collect any	All
uniform items that may be missing.	
Item 8- AOCB	
Nil- all covered under member updates	
Item 8 – Date of the Next Meeting.	
The next meeting will be held on Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 @6.30pm in the	
school	