

## **Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Nicola Rodger, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Chair of the Rochsolloch Primary School and Nursery Parent Council. It's a real privilege to take on this role and to work alongside such a dedicated and passionate group of parents and carers who are committed to supporting our school community.

First, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing Chair, **Dan Schoenhofen**, for his outstanding leadership and dedication over the past year. We're incredibly grateful that Dan will continue to serve on the Parent Council, bringing his experience and insight to the team.

A huge thank you also goes to our fantastic office bearers:

- **Catherine Nixon**, Vice Chair
- **Helen McKee**, Treasurer
- **Nadia Majid**, Secretary

Their tireless work behind the scenes ensures the smooth running of the Parent Council and all the events we deliver.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the energy and commitment of our wider committee members. This year, we're thrilled to have the support of:

**Lorna Dalberg-Andersen, Lynsey Carroll, Arlene Coleman, Stephanie Craig, Steven Craig, Laura Kitchen, Lynsey Telford, Linzi MacKenzie, Rebecca Byers, Lorna McClory, Craig More and Hayley Gallagher.**

Thank you all for your continued dedication to our school community.

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## **A Couple of Important Updates**

### **Parent Council Constitution Update**

We are proposing a revision to the Parent Council Constitution (attached to this email). If you have any objections to the proposed changes, please email us at **rochsollochparentcouncil@gmail.com** by **14th November**. If no objections are received by then, the revised Constitution will be adopted and published on the school's Glow site, along with the recent AGM minutes.

### **PVG Scheme Requirement**

It is now a legal requirement for anyone undertaking a regulated role with children to be a member of the **Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme**. We've been working closely with Volunteer Scotland to ensure compliance, and I'm pleased to share that nearly all of our Parent Council members are now enrolled.

If you're not currently on the Parent Council but regularly volunteer at events (especially discos) and would like to continue doing so, please get in touch via the email above to find out how to join the PVG Scheme.

### **Thank You for Supporting the Halloween Disco!**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Halloween Disco on Thursday 30 October such a fun and memorable evening for the children. Your support was greatly appreciated.

As we look ahead to future events, due to updated PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) requirements, we would be very grateful for any adults who wish to regularly attend discos that they consider becoming PVG-registered with us. To help us meet the PVG requirements, we ask that parents and carers wait in the car park or school reception area during the discos, if they are not volunteering in a PVG capacity.

In light of this new legal requirement and in considering wider safeguarding of our children, I thought it may be helpful for me to note that photos taken at any Parent Council event have been on school devices only. They are then reviewed by school staff to ensure that any images of children who do not have permission to be included in photography are deleted. Historically, approved photographs have then been shared on the school's Glow webpage, by the school, for a short period of time. This is in line with the school's policy and with appropriate safeguards in place.

However, while these events take place on school premises, they are organised independently of the school. Thus, a decision has been taken that no photographs will be taken at future discos or any other Parent Council-run events. Instead, we will endeavour to have photo booth type areas for parents to take their own photos. I have also asked that the school delete any photos of the Halloween disco that were taken this year.

Thanks again for your continued support and understanding – it really does make a big difference.

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### **What's Coming Up?**

Your Parent Council exists to strengthen the connection between school and home, and to help create a thriving, inclusive community for our children. One of the key ways we do this is through fundraising events that directly benefit the school—supporting ICT, sports and Loose Parts equipment, nursery learning journals, P1 transition gifts, the P7 Leavers' celebrations, pantomimes, swimming lessons, and more.

Thanks to your incredible support, we're able to continue making a real difference. Here's a sneak peek at what's ahead:

- **29 November** – Christmas Fayre (with every stall run by the Parent Council to ensure all proceeds go directly to the school)
- **4 December** – Supper with the Grinch returns!
- **29 January** – KPOP Concert! AND A MEET & GREET!!
- **2026** – Valentine's and Summer Discos. As well as possibly more!

We can't wait to see you at these events and look forward to another fantastic year of working together.

Best Wishes,

**Nicola Rodger**

Chair,

Rochsolloch Primary School and Nursery Parent Council

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