



# STEPPS PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

Lorraine Kerr - Chair

# WHAT IS A PARENT COUNCIL?

- Every parent/carer with a child/ren at the school are automatically members of the Parent Forum and the Parent Council is the committee appointed to run matters on behalf of the Parent Forum.
- Parent Councils were established under the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006.
- A Parent Council is not run by the school or local authority but by the parents in the school.
- The Head Teacher has a duty to attend Parent Council Meetings
- A Parent Council does not get involved in fundraising events – this is where our fabulous PTA comes in.



## WHAT DO PARENT COUNCILS DO?

- The main aim of the Parent Council is to help the school operate as a successful school and try to represent all parents/carers:
  - Create a welcoming school which is inclusive for all pupils and parents
  - Encourage links between the school, parents/carers, pupils and the wider community
  - We provide a voice for parents in our school and in our local authority on matters that are important to us and our children
  - Support the school and Head Teacher in developing strong home/school partnerships
  - We may discuss any issue of interest to parents, including school policies, for example, homework, school uniform, changes to report card format etc.
  - It is important to note the Parent Council cannot address individual pupil issues and any such matters should be taken up directly with the school.



# YOUR CURRENT PARENT COUNCIL

- We currently have 11 members on our Parent Council:
  - Lorraine Kerr – Chair
  - Diane Delaney – Secretary
  - Lynne Blair – Treasurer
  - Suzanne Ryan
  - Angela Power
  - Emma Dalziel
  - Louise Laing
  - Holly Uprichard
  - Corinne Booth
  - Thipnatee Sansawatt
  - Heidi Stoutjesdyk
- Per our Constitution we can have a maximum of 12 members.



# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

- In the last school year (2021/22) the Parent Council continued to be focused on the ongoing works at the School:
  - We have been actively involved with Mr McKeever and the Education Managers to ensure the works deliver the best possible learning environment for our children
  - We have continued to work with the Community Council and they have supported us in our aim to address the over-capacity issues
  - Liaison with the candidates pre-election and then with our local elected members post-election regarding the school capacity issues
  - Attendance at wider NLC Parent Council meetings
- We raised parents views/feelings regarding homework and have worked with the Senior Mgt Team on this
- We have also been involved in addressing the lack of Crossing Patrol person at Blenheim Avenue (which thankfully has now been resolved!) and ongoing parking concerns
- Trying to improve parental engagement, communication and involvement with NLC education
- We were also heavily involved in the campaign against the Multi Establishment Leadership Model (MELM) that NLC were proposing to introduce to Chryston Primary and High

A background graphic consisting of numerous stylized hands in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) raised in the air, creating a sense of community and participation.

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Parent Council meetings are held on a **Monday** evening at least once per term at **7.00pm**
- Our **AGM** is held in **August or September** each year.
- Meeting dates are posted on our Twitter page and included in the School newsletter
- Any parent/carer can come along there is no commitment required!
- You can follow us on Twitter @ParentStepps
- And our email address is: [steppsparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:steppsparentcouncil@gmail.com)