

Bargarran Primary School Parent Partnership

Monday 2nd October, 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to let you know that Bargarran Primary School Parent Partnership is in a fragile and critical position.

At the AGM held on Wednesday 6th September it was noted that the majority of the Parent Partnership members will be leaving in June 2024 when their children leave primary 7. This means that with our current membership numbers, we will have three parent members remaining in the Parent Partnership. In order to be quorate, as per the Parent Partnership Constitution, a minimum of six parents of children attending the school are required to be members of the Parent Partnership. If we are unable to get new parents to join the Parent Partnership this school year, the sad reality is that the Parent Partnership will no longer be able to exist.

We are a small group of friendly parents, with children at different stages in the school. We work in partnership with the school and local community to create a welcoming school, inclusive for all children and families. We represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the children. We also organise social events and activities for the children and the families and support fundraising. The funds raised through our fundraising is used for many school activities, resources and equipment. These are crucial to your child's learning, development, experience and enjoyment both in school hours and out with school hours. Many parents who do approach us are concerned about the additional workload of the Parent Partnership. You do not need to take on an official role to be a member of the Parent Partnership or take on additional responsibilities.

The following are examples of what the Parent Partnership funds have paid for and these will either no longer be available to your child or will not be able to be replaced:

- Discos
- Christmas Fayre
- Books for primary 1 children from Santa
- Snacks and juice for the Christmas parties
- New benches for the school playground
- Paint for the benches
- Troughs for the school garden
- Primary 7 leavers dance – balloons, food and the photo booth are all paid for from Parent Partnership funds.
- Significant contribution to the primary 7 leavers hoodies
- Park Mains High School ties for the primary 7 leavers service
- Buses for school excursions such as the Pantomime and summer trip
- Musical instruments

- Homework diaries for primary 1 to 7s
- Homework bags for primary 1s
- Football strips
- Speakers for events such as sports day and schools shows
- Any other item request by the school and approved at the Parent Partnership meeting

We are appealing to any interested parent to contact either the school office or the following Parent Partnership members for more information:

- Gillian Mills, Chair - gillianmills79@outlook.com
- Laura Pearson, Secretary – laura_hammond@hotmail.com
- Sharon Stalker, Treasurer – shazzathesurf@gmail.com
- Michelle O'Neil – mcjck@aol.com
- Louise Provan – louiser28@hotmail.com
- Linda Martin – limdyloo80@hotmail.com
- Louise Wyllie – louisewyllie@hotmail.com
- Rhia Burns – rhamx@me.com
- Laura Mumford – laurablackwell90@gmail.com

Parents do not need an invite to attend the Parent Partnership meetings, we would warmly welcome any parent at our meetings. The dates of our next meetings can be found at the bottom of the letter.

In the unfortunate event that the Parent Partnership cease to exist, any remaining funds will be passed directly to Bargarran Primary School to be used for the benefit of the children.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Warmest Regards,

Bargarran Primary School Parent Partnership

Upcoming Parent Partnership Meetings

- Wednesday 8th November 2023, 6.30pm – School staff room
- Wednesday 17th January 2024, 6.30pm – School staff room
- Wednesday 6th March 2024, 6.30pm – School staff room
- Wednesday 8th May 2024, 6.30pm – School staff room