



## Annual Report 2021/22

In accordance with the Parent Council Constitution, I have provided the Chair's Annual report to summarise the work undertaken by the parent council during the 2020/21 academic year. We were delighted that this was a more normal year for our children and for the support of all the staff at Hallside Primary School who worked above and beyond to make sure our children are "safe, happy and learning" – dare I say, even having fun! The meetings have been a useful two-way communication channel for parents, school and the wider community through the regular presence of our local Councillors.

We were delighted to return to face to face meetings for our May 22 and June 22 meetings and we met via zoom for the meetings in October 21, November 21, December 21, February 22 and March 22.

### **Parent Council Engagement**

The agendas and minutes from the meetings continue to be published on the school website allowing those who are unable to attend to read over these. In addition, we have sent information about the parent council to the whole school body and google form allowing people provide feedback on the parent council, including identifying barriers to becoming a part of it. We have also joined in the p1 induction to allow new parents and carers to be aware of the work we do.

### **Collaborative Working**

We have continued maintain strong communication links with the Senior Leadership Team at Hallside Primary School and to have an active part in representing the views of parents and carers in decision making. The areas discussed have been varied and have included everything from breakfast club to gender identity!

We continue to welcome our local councillors, Katy Loudon, Alistair Fulton and Walter Brogan to our meetings. We appreciate their insight and knowledge of issues in the local area that impact on the families who attend our school.

We have also welcomed members of our pupil council to the meetings and were delighted to hear about the work that they have been undertaking. We hope that they will return to meetings in the future and that we may be able to reciprocate and join their meetings too.

## **Meeting Participation**

In the last academic year, the membership of the Parent Council remained stable. We continue to strive to ensure that we can reach parents and carers across all year groups and to include any interested parents/carers.

## **Work of the Parent Council**

The Parent Council have been included in the consultation about the Catchment Review in the Cambuslang East area. Members have completed individual responses, and some attended the online consultation events about this review. In addition, there were two members of the Parent Council who consulted with Education Scotland about this review.

Following several years of unsatisfactory feedback about the previous uniform supplier, the Parent Council were involved in the selection of the new uniform provider.

The Parent Council have also been a part of many discussions about the school day. These discussions have included improvement planning such as the P1 classes play based pedagogy, communication between home and school (parents evenings, snapshot jotters, information about relationship and sexuality curriculum (RSHP)). We have also contributed to discussions about distressed behaviour in the school setting, managing behaviour that impacts on others (both positively and not), the cost of school day and free period products for those who require them.

The links between the staff and the Parent Council have also helped to dispel myths about Primary School “league tables” and helped understand ongoing COVID mitigations when the rest of the world appeared to be opening up.

I would like to formally thank all parents, carers, teachers, ancillary staff, Councillors etc. who continue to contribute to the School Community and allow the smooth functioning of this community and the safety, happiness and learning opportunities of our children.

Emma Sharp  
Parent Council Chair  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2022