

HOW DO I CONTACT PARENT COUNCIL?

VIA YOUR YEAR GROUP REP

If you would like a question to be asked on your behalf at our next meeting, the usual point of contact is your year group representative, or our ASN rep. The names of the year group representatives and ASN rep for 2022/23 will be circulated via an email from the school office following the AGM, and will also be included in the minutes of the AGM, and updated on the Parent Council section of the school's Edubuzz website.

If you'd rather speak to another parent council member that's fine too – any member can raise a query on your behalf.

Reps can be approached in person, and year group reps will also set up communication groups (using WhatsApp or Facebook) to exchange information between class parents.

BY EMAIL

If you have not been added to your class group and would like to be (sometimes it takes a while to get everyone's contact details), please contact us by email (parentcouncil@aberlady.elcschool.org.uk) and we will ask your year group rep to get in touch.

You can also contact the Chair or Vice Chair via the general email address – or you're very welcome to find us in the playground and have a chat.

How can I find out what the Parent Council is doing?

Minutes of our meetings are circulated to the Parent Forum (via the school office). We also have a Parent Council section on the school website where meeting minutes can be found. Regular information about our activities is included in Head Teacher Update emails. You can contact us via the parent council email address

parentcouncil@aberlady.elcschool.org.uk,

or by speaking the Chair, Vice Chair, or a rep at any time if you'd like more information. We also have a Facebook page, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council, where we share information about fundraising and community events.

ABERLADY PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL 2022/23



WHAT IS ABERLADY PARENT COUNCIL?

If you are a parent or carer with a child at Aberlady Primary School you are automatically a member of the school 'Parent Forum'. The Parent Council operates on behalf of the whole parent forum and represents all parents and carers.

The Parent Council offers a point of contact, providing a forum for the discussion of general issues raised by parents and carers about Aberlady Primary School and pupils' education. We don't raise or discuss issues which relate to or would identify an individual child, family, or member of staff. The Parent Council works closely with the school's Senior Management Team to support the aims of the school. The Parent Council identifies issues where we might be able to add value and help out and we work together to take these forward. Our meetings are attended by our Head Teacher (or her representative) our Principal Teacher, and by our local ELC councillors.

All Scottish schools have a parent council, reflecting changes which were made to the law in 2006 to help parents and schools in Scotland work together as partners in children's learning. The Scottish Parliament passed the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006 to encourage and support more parents to become involved. The Act acknowledges the vital role that parents have to play in their own child's education and in their child's school more generally.

WHAT ELSE DO WE DO?

In addition to the functions envisaged by this act, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council also has a fundraising role (this has been the case since 2017, when our PTA and Parent Council merged to form one group). The funds we raise are used to support the purchase of items and provision of activities which enhance pupils' education. In the 2021/22 academic year, we provided £7300 of funds to school, which was used to purchase items including:

- New reading books
- Loose parts play equipment
- Lego
- Pantomime at Christmas
- Provision of indoor and outdoor ASN safe pods and nurture spaces

We also work to develop links with our wider community, through communication and cooperation with groups like the Aberlady Community Association, Aberlady Gala, and the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership.

How often does the Parent Council meet?

We hold our **AGM each September** (at which office bearers are elected, and accounts are presented), then have **6 further meetings (2 each term)** during the academic year.

Subgroups may meet in between meetings to discuss other issues and organise events.

For the 2022/23 academic year, we have decided to hold a mix of in person and online meetings.

Meeting dates for the year will be published on the Parent Council section of the school's Edubuzz website. A reminder email with the agenda for the meeting will be sent to the Parent Forum in the days preceding the meeting. In person meetings will be held in the school; online meetings will be held on Microsoft Teams. If you would like to attend an online meeting please email

parentcouncil@aberlady.elcschool.org.uk and ask for the joining link. If you would like to attend an in person meeting you can just turn up!