

MINUTES OF COCKENZIE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT LINK MEETING
THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 2021
MEETING TOOK PLACE ONLINE DUE TO CURRENT GUIDELINES

Present: Claire Jamieson (Co-chair and Parent Representative), Marie McMath (Co-chair and Parent Representative), Lynda Banks (Headteacher) Anne Thomson (Clerk) Morven O'Byrne (Parent Representative) Heather Cadogan, (Parent Representative), Sarah Cunningham (Parent Representative) Eilidh Watson (Parent Representative) Lachlan Bruce (Local Councillor), Fiona O'Donnell (Local Councillor) Jennifer Harris (Parent Representative), Jacqueline Carpenter (Parent Representative), Louise Nimmo (Parent Representative), Xanthe Duncan (Parent Representative), Miss Lennox (Teacher), Mr Stitt (Depute Head), Louise Cunningham (Parent Representative)

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Welcome and Introductions made to new members
Apologies: None received

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Lynda expressed the disappointment of the teaching staff and parents that on the return from the Christmas break we are back to a fulltime online classes but everyone is committed to providing the best learning possible for the children and the staff have all responded amazingly.

There are two rooms operating at the school, with staff for the children of keyworkers and those who are vulnerable.

There is a new nursery nurse in place until June. A supernumerary teaching post has been staff by Keira King, to provide extra support to the school with it's Covid response.

Mrs Blevins has retired, and Miss McGuire has now taken up her post teaching P4.

PARENT/ TEACHER FEEDBACK

Parents who had comments regarding the online learning experience fed back to Parent link and this was collated for the school's information.

Lynda noted that there were some points of the feedback that related to local authority policy and was beyond her control, she is going to review and respond to any queries and suggestions after consulting the staff.

All parent link members shared with the group their experiences of online learning, this was overwhelming positive with the acknowledgment that the situation is very pressured and stressful for both parents and teachers.

Miss Lennox, who teaches P4, shared with the parent council how the planning and execution of online learning has impacted the teachers. This includes having to manage new and unfamiliar technology, extended hours and sharing responsibilities of the in person teaching in the hub.

There was some confusion over reporting of absences to the school, this will be clarified with a letter out.

Date of Next Parent Link Meeting TBC