



ORMISTON PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

Welcome to the Ormiston Primary Parent Council Annual Report. This will give you an update on what the Parent Council is, what we have been doing over the year together with our 2014/15 plans.

What Is The Parent Council?

School Parent Councils are responsible for representing the view of parents and working with those involved in the school so that all pupils have the opportunity to do their best at school.

Ormiston Primary School Parent Council consists of up to 15 volunteer parent members, supported by up-to 5 co-opted members from the local community. We meet on a regular basis over the school year with meetings attended by the Headteacher, a Teacher Representative and local Councillors.

Meetings are open to everybody and give the opportunity to raise and discuss any topic or issue that impacts the education of children in Ormiston. The School and Parent Council can then consider and agree the best way to work together and address these in the best interests of pupils.

Aims and Objectives

As a Parent Council, our role is simple and everything we do is focused around 3 main areas:

- Representing the views of parents and carers on issues that are important to them so that they have a voice within the school.
- Supporting the school in its work with pupils and helping to involve parents in their children's education.
- Encouraging links between the school and the wider community.

We do this in several ways:

- By being aware of current educational issues, challenges and developments at local and national level.
- Organising and promoting fundraising activities within and for the school.
- Developing communication between school, parents and the community.

How Have We Done?

Over the last year we have continued to hold regular meetings where we have had the opportunity to raise and discuss issues that impact on the school and its pupils. This has included:

- Supporting initiatives to improve pupil attainment levels in English and Maths including "Ross Rocks Reading" and "Mathletics".
- Where asked, raising parental queries and concerns regarding specific aspects of school life including Golden Time, Fitness, Playground Safety, the cost and opportunities available for pupils via class trips and participation in inter-school events.
- Promoting road safety and transport issues and encouraging the identification and creation of safer routes to school.
- Supporting attempts to widen opportunities for Ormiston pupils to take part in extra-curricular activities.
- In addition to highlighting concerns regarding the challenges faced in getting involved in cluster Active Schools classes, we have helped organise an after-school French Club and are looking at the possibility of establishing a Music Club.

The Parent Council has a role in understanding wider developments and how these will affect the school going forward. Over the course of the last year we have:

- Continued to represent Ormiston Primary at wider meetings across East Lothian including East Lothian Association of Parent Council Members (ELAPCM)