



Pinkie Parents Annual Report 2019-2020

This report covers the time period from April 2019 - October 2020.

Welcome to the thirteenth annual report of Pinkie Parents, the Parent Council for Pinkie St Peter's Primary and Nursery School.

Pinkie Parents is now thirteen years old and we continue to strive to establish how best we can represent the parents of the school and support the aims of the school.

This annual report tells you more about Pinkie Parents and what we've achieved in the past seventeen months.

We represent you, and to do that, we depend on your feedback, your comments, your suggestions and your ideas. There is a regular item on the agenda of every meeting for issues that you have raised with members for discussion.

We hope you find this annual report of interest and look forward to hearing from you.

Pinkie Parents

About Pinkie Parents

Pinkie Parents represents you, the parents and carers of Pinkie St Peter's Primary School children, collectively known as the Parent Forum.

We were established in September 2007 following a change in the law which abolished School Boards and required all schools in Scotland to set up a Parent/Carer Council in its place.

We are chaired by a parent member of Pinkie Parents, and we aim to have parent members representing every year in the school.

We work in partnership with the school, Colette Bonnar- Head teacher, Scarlett Palmer- Deputy Head teacher and Helen Gordon- Head of Nursery regularly attended our meetings over the last school year.

Teaching staff are also present at some our meetings to give us an insight into what is important to the staff and pupils and how we can help.

We are fortunate also in having representation from local councillors Andy Forrest and Stuart Currie who regularly attended our meetings and listened to our concerns and raised issues on our behalf.



Our objectives

One of our main aims is to identify and represent the views of parents and carers on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the welfare of all pupils.

Other aims and objectives as stated in our constitution are as follows:

- To work in partnership with the school
- To promote partnership between the school, pupils, all parents of the wider community
- Develop and engage in activities which support the education of and welfare of the pupils
- To promote and encourage the participation of parents in these activities
- To participate in the appointment procedures for Head Teacher and Depute Head Teacher appointments

Review of the year

The past six months have been very different for us as a parent council, we have had to adapt to a new way of communicating and working with the school due to COVID-19. This has also meant that we had to postpone our AGM (due to be held in April) and ask our office bearers to continue their roles for a longer period than normal.

We have adapted well to virtual meetings and votes via email. This will continue for the foreseeable and will be reviewed on a month to month basis.

Our main achievements this year include:

- Discussing issues of importance to the school including the Curriculum for Excellence, Budgets, school inspection and the new nursery build.
- Providing parent involvement on a range of activities at school events.
- Fundraising for the school (separate report).
- Representing the parents at ELAPCM meeting's throughout the year.
- Working with management on the school improvement plan.



- Continued working with the school management team to develop and maintain communication links with parents and carers focusing on the school website and the use of a Facebook group page and Twitter feed.
- Continuing to work with organisers of the Edinburgh Marathon to fundraise at this event and publicise Pinkie Parents. The annual donation from Edinburgh Marathon will continue while the event finishes in Pinkie Playing fields.
- **Fundraising Group**

The Fundraising Group had continued to meet and work with the school team to progress opportunities to raise funds to be used to benefit the school and its pupils. This has been on hold since March due to COVID-19, we are now looking at ways in which we can support the school fundraising efforts within government guidelines.

We took the difficult decision to cancel our main fundraising activities for the remainder of 2020 and will review this when possible.

The core fundraising activities for the year 2019-2020 were as follows;

- A fancy Dress Disco held in October 2019, this generated a profit of £305.10
- We joined the online donations website, Easyfundraising. This has made us £504.33 to date.
- We hosted a stall at the Edinburgh Marathon to sell snacks to participants and spectators in May 2019, this generated £464.25 in profit.
- Our School Fair and raffle in June 2019 was our biggest event of the year and we raised £2431.06.

Funds continue to support P7 leaver hoodies and Christmas Parties.

We also pledge £100 per class per year and a number of other school wide initiatives including a donation for £1620.00 for digital equipment.

How can you get involved?

Here are some ideas:

- Volunteer to become a member of Pinkie Parents;
- Volunteer to become a member of the Fundraising Group
- Volunteer at one of our many events through the year;



- Attend one of our meetings (they are open to all, not just members);
 - Get in touch with your class rep, and give us your suggestions or views about the school and how parents can get involved;
 - Fill in any questionnaires or surveys that we issue to obtain your views.
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Membership of Pinkie Parents

Our constitution allows for office bearers to stay on for two years, with representatives being reviewed annually. Full details of class representatives can be found on the school website.

AGM

Our AGM takes place annually in April and everyone is welcome to attend. We use the AGM to review our achievements and discuss our priorities for the years ahead.

Due to school closures our AGM took place on the 05th of October at 7pm via Skype.

Our newly elected office bearers for the 2020/21 school sessions are:

Chair – Pamela Grant
Vice Chair – Gaynor Ross
Treasurer – Wendy Barber
Clerk – Stephanie Ng

The future.....

Pinkie Parents aims to represent the views of parents and being involved is one of the best ways for parents to find out how the school is run.

It also provides an opportunity for parents to offer support in fundraising, practical support and organising social events so that parents can get to meet each other.

Everyone is welcome to the meetings – come along just to listen or to get more involved.

More information is available on the school website and any comments or questions may be sent to the Pinkie Parents email address

<http://edubuzz.org/blogs/pinkie>
parentcouncil@pinkie-st-peters.elcschool.org.uk



Or post a comment on the Face book page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pinkieparentcouncil>

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