

## **Pinkie Parents Annual Report 2020-2021**

Welcome to the 14th annual report of Pinkie Parents, the Parent Council for Pinkie St Peter's Primary and Nursery School. This report covers the period from October 2020 to April 2021

Pinkie Parents is now in its 14th year representing the parents of the school and supporting the aims of the school.

The annual report is designed to tell you more about Pinkie Parents and our achievements over the last 7 months.

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

### **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. Presently we are a very small group of regular attendees and would really like to have further parent representation from all year groups.

We work in partnership with the school - Colette Bonnar, Scarlett Palmer, Helen Gordon and Rachel Snowden regularly attend our meetings.

Teaching staff are also present at some of 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 attend our meetings and listen to our concerns and have helped raise 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 seven months have been very different for us as a parent council. With Covid 19 still being a huge part of everyone's life, we have had to adapt our methods of communicating and working with the school.

We have continued to hold all our meetings virtually as well as votes via email. Whilst this currently works well it would always be great to see new members joining us on those calls.

Our main achievements this year include:

- Discussing issues of importance to the school including the Curriculum for Excellence, Budgets, and the new nursery build.
- Fundraising for the school (separate report).
- 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.

### **Fundraising Group**

Fundraising efforts have looked quite different over the last seven months. We are now looking at ways in which we can support the school fundraising efforts within government guidelines for the coming year.

We took the difficult decision to cancel our main fundraising activities (marathon stall and summer fair) for 2021 due to the continuing Covid-19 restrictions.

The core fundraising activities for the year 2020-2021 were as follows;

- A fancy dress Halloween day held in October 2020 which raised £227 in donations
- Easy fundraising continues to be successful, we have raised £117.73 from September 2020 to date.
- The children had the opportunity to create a Christmas card which parents and carers could then order cards, wrapping paper and mugs. This was really successful and raised £656.50

The funds raised continue to support P7 leaver hoodies and a small Christmas gift for all pupils. We also pledge £100 per class per year which teachers apply for.

### **How can you get involved?**

Here are some ideas:

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

### **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.

Our newly elected office bearers for the 2021/22 school sessions are:

Chair –

Vice Chair –

Treasurer –

Paid 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 and to 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 clerk via email.