

## Role of Parent Council (PC)

- Support the school in its work with pupils and parents
- Represent the views of parents
- Promote contact and communication between the school, parents, pupils, the community, nursery and other providers
- Report to the Parent Forum.

## Jargon Buster

The jargon and language surrounding the Parent Council can be confusing. So here are some explanations of words and terms you may come across:

**“Parent Forum”** – the parents and carers of children at Dunoon Primary School (DPS).

**“Parent Council”** – a statutory independent group set up to represent parents and support the school setting and planning.

**“Office bearers”** – the parents/carers selected to occupy a specific role within the Parent Council.

## Who are the PC?

- The PC at Dunoon Primary is known as the *Dunoon Parent Support Network (DPSN)*
- The office bearers of the PC are:
  - Chair: Ben Bryant
  - Secretary: Hayley Cochrane / Emma Louise Kerr
  - Treasurer: Caroline Davidson
- Members of the PC
  - Chris-elaine Davie, Damien, Beth R, Cheryl Amy, Debs, Efrat, Eilidh, Katrina Smith, Laura Ramsay, Monique, Susan Bonnar, Vanessa, Yetunde Dare

## What about the Parent Teachers Association (PTA)?

- The PTA is a sub-committee of the PC.

## Parents and PC – Communication

### Hearing from the PC

- We want to be more visible going forward. You can expect to hear from the PC via:
  - The DPS website, Email and social media
  - Newsletters, notice boards, posters and at events
- We want to hear from you too:
  - See the PC webpage here – <https://www.dunoon-pri.argyll-bute.sch.uk/pta/>
  - Use the Facebook social media group – “Dunoon Primary School Parent Forum”.
  - Or just seek out any of the PC members in the playground, we would love to hear from you.

## PC Plans for 2026

### Meetings:

- January (26/1/26), April (date TBC), August (date TBC), November (AGM) (date TBC)
  - Meetings scheduled to run for 1hr apart for AGM, which is 1.5hrs.

### Outcomes:

- Annual report for parent forum in December
- Other updates to parent forum via DPS website, Social media and Newsletter etc.

## Summary of last PC meeting – October 2025

- New office bearers agreed for next cycle (to 2027)
- Bank account for PC funding to be set-up
- Constitution to be made available to PC
- DPS PC website area to be revised and refreshed
- Agreed that DPS PC is to feature as the hub for the parent forum to get information.

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