

# Cults Primary School Parent Council, Working In Partnership For All Our Children



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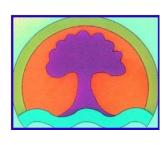
The Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement)
Act 2006 encouraged every school to have a
Parent Council in order to help parents....

- To become involved with their child's education and learning;
- To be welcomed as active participants in the life of the school; and
- To be encouraged to express their views on school education generally and work in partnership with the school.





## The Role of the Parent Council



- Support the school in its work with pupils;
- Represent the views of all parents;
- Encourage links between the school, parents, pupils, preschool groups and the wider community; and
- Report back to the Parent Forum its activities on an annual basis

There are 16 members of our PC, including 5 Office Bearers:

Chair: Rachel Soplantila, Vice Chair: Sonya Angus

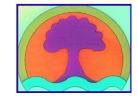
Secretaries: Phillippa Smith and Hannah Mearns

Treasurer: Tiana Walker.

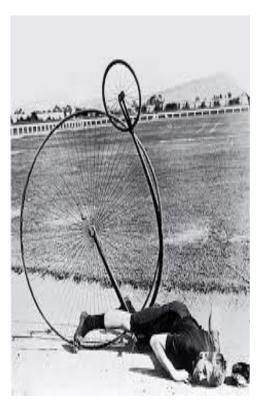
# Achievements and Involvements in 2014/5



- Developer contribution meeting in October
- Homework Policy Reviewed by staff, pupils and parents and fully implemented in January
- Continued contribution to Termly PC meetings and the Additional Support Needs Parent's Forum - Insuring the needs of our children are heard.
- Perimeter Road was resurfaced and the travel safety concerns were raised in January.



#### Achievements and Involvements



- Bikeability Now transferred to the school to manage and for parents to support.
- Promoting Cults Primary as an Eco School through active recycling.
- School grounds and play areas reviewed.

### Current or potential PC Initiatives for 2015/2014



- School grounds improvements.
  Aim to ensure suitable accessible play areas for all.
- Sports Day and a potential House System are ongoing areas for discussion.
- Travel Safe Plan. Aim to ensure all our children are safe on their way to and from school. Travel Safe Team are working in partnership with parents, staff, ACC officers and outside companies.



#### Cults Parent Council - Travel Safe Timeline



Term 1 (Aug - Oct) 2014

Term 2 & 3 (Oct -Apr) 2014/5

Term 4 (April - Jul) 2015

Term 1 & 2 (Aug - Dec) 2015

#### Risk to the safety of our childre highlighted

#### Parent Consultation

#### Travel Safe Initiative Phase 1

#### Travel Safe Initiative Phase 2

- Parents and staff increasingly concerned about the parking on the perimeter road and the safety of children traveling to and from school.
- ✓ Issue requested for Parent Council agenda.
- ✓ GROUPCALL alerts cascaded to parents to raise awareness of appropriate and legal travel safety behaviours.
- Consultation with City
   Council and wardens on legalities.

- Re-surfacing of school perimeter road and parking restriction markings repainted.
- Parent Council noted school wide concern regarding, driving, parking and the crossings.
- Parent survey conducted (responses collated - all feedback considered).
- ✓ Travel Safe Team formed.
- ✓ Short-list of activities to drive improvements for children's safety drawn up from survey feedback in full consultation with the school.

- New perimeter fence erected.
- Clear signage introduced at key, high-risk perimeter locations.
- 6 week Sustran "Active travel to School" initiative.
- Safety Week.
- Golden Rules for Safe Travel to School leaflet with cut out car display badge.
- Creation of a school film about road safety.

- Footprints marking safe walking routes and crossing points.
- Revisit the bus bay parking rules (morning only drop off point).
- Trees planted to prevent unsafe parking on grass verges.
- Re-evaluate nursery crossing at playing field.
- Formal evaluation of Travel
   Safe Initiatives.

Encourage a whole school and community approach to keep all our children safe

Initiatives launched and evaluated on an ongoing basis



### If you have a concern.....

- If it is specific to your child, speak to the teacher or a member of senior staff. The office can arrange an appointment and the staff will welcome the chance to resolve a problem quickly.
- If it is a general issue then the Parent Council can raise it at a meeting or signpost a resolution.
- Please contact us on PCCultsPrimary@aberdeen.npfs.org.uk



### Parent Council Meetings

- Meetings are generally every other month with the AGM in September.
- These meetings offer parents a really good opportunity to understand a little more about the workings of the school, to listen, ask questions and to become involved if people wish to do so.
- Any parent of a child at Cults Primary / Nursery is very welcome to attend.

