

There are many ways a Parent Council can support the work of the school here are some ideas:

- Build positive relationships between parents and school staff
- Use own formal and informal channels for communicating about school events and how parents can get involved
- Consider ways parents can be involved in children's learning to improve achievement through parent workshops, open days, careers fairs, transition events, stay and play sessions, parent and child/ young people events and family learning activities
- Encourage parents to use their time, skills, knowledge and experience to support learning in the curriculum and wider community
- Be involved in the school development plan and consider how parents might support and be involved in achieving its aims
- Work jointly with the school to set up extra-curricular activities and after-school clubs
- Support the school when they ask for feedback on creating school policies, Pupil Equity Funding, Poverty Proofing or providing information to support parents with children's learning in literacy and numeracy
- Fundraise to provide additional equipment and resources for the children and young people in their school

For more information on Parent Councils and support:

Parentzone

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/getting-involved>

National Parent Forum of Scotland
www.npfs.org.uk

Aberdeen Parent Council Forum
<https://acpcf.org.uk>

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<https://connect.scot>



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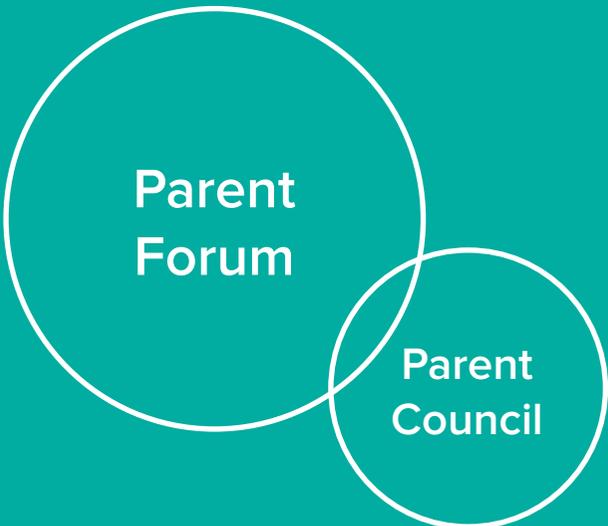
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Parents play an important role both in their own child's learning and in the life of their school and community. In Aberdeen city, parent's views and opinions are valued and should be included and taken into account when making decisions that affect their family and school. Being part of a parent council / voice group gives parents an opportunity to have a say in improving how their school delivers education, shapes its policies and communicates its priorities for supporting children and families with learning.



What is a Parent Council?

The Parent Council is a group of parents selected by members of the parent forum (the collective name for every parent, carer or guardian at your school) to represent all the parent's views where possible.



What do Parent Councils do?

Parent Councils can help parents and carers to become more actively engaged and involved in their children's learning. They are designed to make sure that they represent their school and its interests effectively. Under the Parental Involvement Act 2006 legislation the role of the Parent Council is to:

-  Support the school in its work with pupils, in its development and improvement;
-  Support the Head teacher and the school to understand how to most effectively involve parents in their children's learning and in the life of the school i.e. developing strong home/school partnership;
-  Represent and provide a voice for parents, in schools and Aberdeen City Council, on issues that are important to them and their children; and
-  Encourage links between the school, parents and carers, pupils, pre-school groups and the wider community.

What are the responsibilities of a Parent Council?

The aim of the Parent Council is to work alongside the school to ensure its success and to represent all parents/carers where possible. The Parent Council plays a vital role in providing an important link between all parents and their school. Here are the key areas:

- Report to parents at least once a year (at the AGM) but it is good practice to do this regularly
- Make sure parents get the information they need in an accessible way and that the school receives feedback on parents' views
- Work alongside the school to discuss issues that interest parents and directly impact on their children's learning such as school performance and policies, learning and curriculum, homework and careers
- Be involved in the recruitment of new Headteachers and Deputy Heads
- Be involved during and after a school inspection by HMIE
- Support social and fundraising activities

