



# INVITATION

Avoch Primary School Parent Council

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 7pm - AGM and first meeting of 2017/18

First of all we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members and volunteers for their support and help in the last school year. We could not have done it without you.

### **Why do we have a Parent Council and what do they do?**

Every school in Scotland has a Parent Forum which consists of all the parents and carers who have a child at the school. If your child attends Avoch Primary School you are already considered to be a member of the Avoch Primary School Parent Forum, whether you know it or not.

The Parent Council is the committee appointed by the Parent Forum to operate on its behalf; to help parents and carers become more actively and effectively involved in their children's learning and have an influence on what goes on in the school.

In Avoch Primary, the Parent Council's main aims are to:

- Promote parental involvement in all aspects of school life
- Strengthen our links with the local community
- Develop a deeper understanding of the role we all play in supporting and improving the learning experiences of Avoch Primary School pupils
- Support the school and the range of experiences available by contributing financially through fund-raising.

### **Who are the Parent Council?**

The Parent Council is a small group of parents who meet on a regular basis to engage with the teaching staff and discuss any wider issues which may impact on the running of the school or have an influence on the pupils.

Despite the school roll being in excess of 300 pupils, the Parent Council generally consists of only 4-6 members.

### **Why does the Parent Council want new people to join?**

It is important that the Parent Council knows what current parents and carers want from the school now and in the future, otherwise decisions might be made based on what the Parent Council *thinks* you want, rather than what you *actually* want.

So, why does the Parent Council want new people to join?

- To hear a wider range of viewpoints from a wider range of parents
- Develop some fresh ideas for fundraising
- Enable a larger number of parents to make their opinions heard



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- Recruit more parents for helping out with events and fundraisers
- Seek new individuals for official roles

## Meetings

The Parent Council meetings are open to *all* parents and carers. You wouldn't need to take on a role or even join the Committee. Just come along and join in the discussions.

If you would like to volunteer to take up an active role such as Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer or Fundraiser, your offer of assistance would be appreciated. Please put yourself forward by emailing us at [avochprimarypc@gmail.com](mailto:avochprimarypc@gmail.com), leaving a note with the school office or contacting us via Facebook, by Tuesday at the latest please. If you know someone who you think would be an asset to the Committee, please encourage them to come forward too.

We will discuss and fill the official Parent Council roles at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 6<sup>th</sup> September. If more than one person volunteers for a position, we will hold a draw.

Following the AGM, there will two meetings per term. The days of the meetings vary to allow as many people to attend as possible. There is no obligation to attend every meeting, but it would be appreciated if you could come along when you can.

If you cannot attend but are interested in being involved in the Parent Council or would like to raise an issue, please let us know by emailing us at [avochprimarypc@gmail.com](mailto:avochprimarypc@gmail.com), leaving a note with the school office or contacting us via Facebook

We hope to see as many of you as possible in the school hall, at 7pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

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