

What is the Parent Council?

The Parent Council is a group of parents/carers who meet in the school approximately once a term together with the Head Teacher and the Business Manager. Depending on the business being discussed guests may be invited to attend such as representatives from the Education Department or local Councillors. There is at least one parent to represent each year group in the school from Nursery through to P7.

The Parent Council allows parents to have an input in school decision-making, and also enables school staff to keep parents informed about what's going on in the school. Any parent or carer in the school can ask a Parent Council member to raise an issue on their behalf at a meeting.

What does the Parent Council do?

School staff can ask the Parent Council for their opinions on various things for example, new policies such as the recently published Orkney-wide policy on Bullying. We also discuss issues that affect the school and/or children such as road safety and parking around the school. In the upcoming interviews for the Head Teacher post there will be two representatives from the Parent Council on the shortlisting and interview panel. We also carry out regular fundraising throughout the year such as the raffle and bake sale at the parents evenings, school discos, the annual shopping night etc. We're very lucky and grateful that these are always well supported by Papdale parents.

What is the fundraising money spent on?

Over the last three financial years the Parent Council has used its fundraising money as shown below:-

2015

Netball UK	£219.98
IPads	£12,301.87
P7 Lagganlia Grants	£670.00

2016

Netball UK	£326.56 (Netball Outfits)
Nursery Furniture	£2,000.00
IPads	£4,202.11
P7 Lagganlia Grants	£500
Netball Trip	£270
P4 Inverness Trip	£250
CD Players	£119.97
P6 Hoy Trip	£287.50

2017

P7 Lagganlia Grants	£960
Steel Pan Tuning	£873.01
IPads	£3,834.54
Waterproofs	£2,576
Hoy Trip	£500

Anyone interested in joining the Parent Council should attend the Annual General Meeting which is usually held in September.