

Friends of Durris Primary & Crossroads Nursery (Formerly the Parent Council)

The next meeting of the Friends of Durris Primary and Crossroads Nursery (formerly Parent Council) will be after our AGM on **Thursday 10th September**. Due to current constraints, both the AGM and Parent Council meeting will take place by video link. Annual reports will be provided, and committee members elected. Please find attached our constitution and nomination forms for you to complete and hand in by **Friday 4th September**.

The 2006 Parental Involvement Act states that every school in Scotland has a Parent Forum which consists of all the parents/carers who have a child at the school. The Parent Forum can expect to:

- receive information about the school
- decide on the format of the Parent Council and how it operates
- identify issues for the Parent Council
- be consulted by the Parent Council
- express views through the Parent Council.

Friends of Durris Primary & Crossroads Nursery is the committee appointed by the Parent Forum to run matters on its behalf. It is run by you, the parents/carers of pupils. Aberdeenshire council supports the group both financially and through advice/support.

We aim to:

- Help the school operate as a successful school and try to represent all parents/carers:
- Improve links between all parents and the school;
- Make sure that parents get the information they need in an accessible way and that the school staff gets feedback on parents' views.
- Discuss any issue of interest to parents, including school policies on such things as bullying, sexual health and relationships education, homework and school uniform.
- Work jointly with the school to set up extra-curricular activities and after-school clubs.
- Improve parental involvement in their children's learning
- Represent parents' views to the education authority and others on those issues that are of concern to parents, pupils and staff with an awareness of equality and fairness. Although issues from individual parents should not be pursued, it might be an opportunity to address the issue in a more general way.
- Be involved in the recruitment of new Headteachers and/or senior staff.
- Play an important role during and after a school inspection.

The Headteacher will involve Friends of Durris Primary & Crossroads Nursery in the School Improvement Plan and encourage them to have an active role in the development/review of school policies.

Our "Parent Fundraising Committee" is a subcommittee of The Friends of Durris Primary & Crossroads Nursery, for improved communication and sharing of duties.

To find out more about how Parent Councils should operate and what you can expect as an elected member or member of the Parent Forum, please go to <https://connect.scot>. Connect is a trading name of Scottish Parent Teacher Council Company No SC151086 Scottish Charity SC01916 through which we, a member group, are insured.

We look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

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