



Welcome to our Parent Council webpage!

The Parent Council exists to provide a formal link between the school and the Parent Forum (the official name for all parents and carers who have children at the school). It operates separately from the Parent and Staff Association (PSA), which encourages the Parent Forum to be involved in practically supporting the school's activities and fundraising.

Parent Councils were created by the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006 and have a formal role in working with the school. **Connect** (formerly the Scottish Parent Teacher Council) is an umbrella member charity that seeks to make parental involvement and family engagement in education as good as possible and they have produced guidance on the role of Parent Councils that you can find here:

[Parent Council Essentials Pack](#)

The Parent Council is elected by the Parent Forum at its AGM every year and includes a number of office bearers, reps for each year group, reps covering specific areas such as Additional Support Needs. The Head Teacher and other staff, as well as the local councillors for our area, are also invited to attend the meetings. Meetings are open to all members of the Parent Forum to attend. You can find more details in our Constitution:

[Link to Blackhall PS Parent Council Constitution](#)

Parents and carers can always approach the school themselves on any issue (remember to send any email via the school office Admin@blackhall.edin.sch.uk and they will forward it to the appropriate member of staff). Where an issue is

around school policy or will affect more than one child, this can be raised with your Parent Council year group rep. They will engage with the school or the Parent Council Chair to seek a response from the school. This document gives more details on how parents should engage with the school and the Parent council:

[Link to Guidance for parents and carers on how to engage school staff and the Parent Council](#)

2022/23 Parent Council

	2022/23 Member
P1	Julia Pearson
P2	Kate Walker
P3	Emily Orr
P4	Sine Munro
P5	Nyssa Pinkerton
P6	Linda Rennie
P7	Ian Cameron
ASN	Vacancy
Treasurer	Colin Chisholm
Vice Chair	Ian Cameron
Secretary	Vacancy
Chair	Michael Duncan
Head Teacher (Acting)	Kirsty Martin
Depute Head Teacher	Gail Middlemiss
Councillor	Hal Osler
Councillor	Jule Bandel



<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Max Mitchell</i>
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Vicky Nicolson</i>