



**ST. DOMINIC'S RCPS & ELC
Parent Council Meeting**

LOCATION: St Dominic's RCPS & ELC School
Hall/online via Teams
DATE: Wednesday 28th May 2025 5.30pm

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PRESENT:

Ashley King (AK)
Joanne Day (JD)
Ilona Henderson (IH)
Louise Chisholm (LC)
Mrs Horan (GH)
Mrs Hunter (LH)

APOLOGIES:

Canon Shields (TS)
Deirdre Scott (DS)
Christie Thomson (CT)
Katie Speedie (KS)
Tracey Wright (TW)
Maria Beck (MB)
Zoe Bednarz-Collins (ZB-C)
Mrs Thornber (AT)

MINUTES

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1	Opening Prayer Thank you for our opening prayer to begin the meeting.	
2	Welcome & Apologies Quorate met	AK
3.	Previous Minutes The Minutes of the previous Parent Council meeting have been published and were agreed by all members.	AK
4.	Actions carried over: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PKC – road safety, toilets Road safety ongoing with PKC. PKC confirmed St Dominic’s RCPS toilets on the improvement plan for early 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure of the School Day David McCluskey visited and as part of visit this was discussed – he hadn’t realised any PKC schools still had 1hr lunch so will review and get back to school. School have collated evidence on lunchtime fall outs/restorative work/disruption to afternoon learning. PC will keep evidence communication on hold for the moment until update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPST sessions Delayed due to availability, will look to reschedule for after summer holidays. PC will send survey back out for more up to date responses before planning sessions. Opened up discussion about buddy system for P1 parents/carers and possible drop in sessions. PC to explore buddy system and options for drop in sessions.	

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5.	Grants available PC have received reply to communication sent out for parent/carer volunteer to support. They are happy to seek out opportunities and apply, vote confirmed PC happy with this approach. PC to confirm with parent volunteer that they can apply on our behalf for any grants.	
6.	Events Planning - Quiz night update Huge success again, raising over £500 so will continue for next year, requests for 2 per year so will continue to review to see if possible. PC to discuss if 2 quizzes per year would be feasible. - Beetle Drive PC and school keen to plan for Autumn time - Car boot sale/tabletop sale Contact been made with CPS PiP who are planning regular car boot sales throughout the year and they are happy to share contacts. Tracey (TW) happy to take on	
7.	Parental Feedback - At previous meeting school were waiting for update from Tartan Shop on embroidering uniform. They have since decided to stop uniform embroidering. School agrees that quality is decreasing but this is across the board. PC previously enquired about collaborating with supermarket but we were too small a school.	

	<p>Options to parents/carers remain to have plain uniform from supermarket of their choice or if want branded uniform, to order from supplier – quality appears the same over all suppliers.</p>	
8.	<p>SDC updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bank account Switch has been completed so no bank charges going forward. - PC still looking for P7 class rep & secretary - AK & JD met with CPS PiP (Crieff Primary parent council) reps and agreed to make a Crieff cluster network that will include Muthill, Comrie, Madderty and Braco to share relevant information and events and support each other. Discussed social event for all local P7s to attend, school advised CHS used to run a P7 disco. Need to be mindful of exploring options with St Johns RC Academy as well as local cluster. PC will make enquiries into options available. - Resource pot spend – PC purchased a Triclimb bundle for ELC and school at a cost of £250. PC awaiting updated total of funds left to spend this year from Treasurer. - New PVG regulations are in force, grace period until July 1 – will mean if volunteers doing regular (more than 1) events for PC then they will require to have PVG. At this point, the PC do not run events that would require it but there are drop in sessions with Volunteer Scotland to clarify regulations and we will review to see if we should keep a bank of volunteers that will agree to more than one event per year. PC to attend Volunteer Scotland drop in and review. - PC had enquired if PKC could provide laptop, they are unable to at this point. Also, PC currently using free online storage but may need to upgrade to keep required files and paperwork to allow for smoother handover. PC agreed to put communication out to parent/carer forum to see if anyone has laptop they could donate and explore costs for paid online storage. 	

9.	<p>School Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting <p>School are reviewing reporting and showed a proposal document that is more broken down on targets in chart formation but still having a teacher and pupil comment. The hope is it would give a starting point for dialogue at family contact evening. School requested feedback from PC at next meeting on what is important to families within reporting.</p> - Keeping safe online <p>School have developed a resource with independent information on brain development of children and young people and the impact of screens/social media as well as how to implement parental controls and keep children and young people safe online. This will be used for workshops and focus groups to communicate the information out.</p> - Homework (Mathletics) <p>School is looking to review homework as approach and engagement is not universal across families. The ideal would be to make it as beneficial as possible for pupils. Mathletics, an online platform, had been discussed within school meeting but opinions were mixed as it is an online tool so encouraging screen use. Review ongoing.</p> - Fruitburst <p>Fruitburst is currently paid for by parents/carers of P1(2) pupils at £5 per term. The uptake on this is not always across all families. PC agreed to put a communication out to gauge parent/carer input as to how they would like it to continue. Survey will be sent for whole school.</p>
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8.	<p>Parish matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Holy Communion – 7 June - Summer Fete – 14 June - Dad's Mass – 15 June 	
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Pre DofE – Joanne (JD) offered information on opportunity for school to sign up for Pre DofE. School were keen to explore as could work in well for Citizenship groups. JD to send information to school.</p> <p>Zones feedback – AK had received request to enquire about plan for Playground Zones going forward. At this point, majority of feedback has been positive so no major plans to change at this point. May not be practical in winter months depending on condition of the field. Will continue to be reviewed.</p> <p>Sports Day stall – PC exploring option to run a refreshment stall at Sports Day for spectators.</p>	
Date of Next Meeting: AGM – date to be confirmed School Hall/online via Teams		

