



WHITTINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Our Whittington Primary School Parent Council, chaired by Helen Fone, was established in 2018 as a voluntary group comprising of the Headteacher and interested parties from the parent cohort – one representative from class or year group where practicable. Like many other things, parent council meetings were halted due to COVID and, as we are now coming out of restrictions, it seems like the right time to re-introduce this discussion forum and advisory body back into our school.



I am writing to invite you to join the Whittington Parent Council group who will meet regularly to discuss key issues and ideas for whole school development. The Parent Council is for all parents with a child who attends the school.

We know that increased involvement between parents and schools is an important way of raising achievement for our pupils. We also recognise that to ensure our school is continually improving we need to benefit from your ideas, suggestions for development and praise.

With a parent representative from each class, we aim to discuss issues that affect the whole school, and allow parent's views to feed into decision making.

- **What is it?** - The Parent Council is a discussion forum and advisory body. It aims to discuss/debate general issues that affect the welfare of children in school, including extra curricular activities.
- **What's involved?** – Parents who are interested and are able to volunteer their time are invited to Parent Council meetings to discuss relevant issues with myself, Mrs Jakeman or another member of the Senior Leadership Team in our absence.
- **How often?** – Meetings will be held on a half termly basis, usually starting at 2pm. Council meetings will be kept to approximately an hour where possible, and will run in a semi-formal way to encourage open discussion on subjects. The dates for the remainder of this year are: Thursday 24th March, Thursday 12th May and Thursday 30th June

If you are a previous member of the Parent Council or you are able to volunteer your time and would like to represent your child's class, please complete the attached form and return to the school office by Thursday 17th February. Should there be more volunteers for a year group than required we will hold elections as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Leeson
Headteacher.

PARENT COUNCIL VOLUNTEER FORM

(TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2022)

Name: _____

Year group you wish to represent:

Or

Name and class of children in school:

I am willing to share contact information with other parents in order to be accessible.

Signed: _____