

Membership/Attendees in the last year:

Kev Martin [Chair], Helen McNaught [Vice-Chair], Lynne Dougan [Treasurer], Linsey Ferguson [Secretary], Laura Shaw, Audrey Pirie, Will Hensman, Fiona Hughes, Alastair Fleck, Gillian Goodwin, Richard Graveling, Christine McGregor, Gaynor Westland, Pamela Cowan, Michael Payne.

School Staff in attendance during year - Mr Black [HT], Mr Arnold [DHT], Mr Clancy [DHT], Mr Somerville [DHT], Miss McKay, Mr Scruton, Mr Leslie.

How you can get Involved

- Any parent / carer with a child at the school may become a member of the Parent Council.
- Just come along to one of our meetings. We meet around every 6 weeks in the evening, and always welcome new members
- Dates of all meetings will appear on the School App.
- We know that Parent Council meetings aren't for everyone and that not all parent / carers can spare the time, so if you are unable to make a meeting, just contact us and tell us what you want us to do?

Contact Us

We want to represent and support all parents / carers across the school and we can only do this effectively if you let us know what you need - email us, speak to a member, come to a meeting and tell us, connect via Facebook.

If you would like to contact the parent Council, you can do so in the following way:

- By email: lornhillpc@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/LornshillAcademyParentCouncil/
Twitter: [@lornhillpc](https://twitter.com/lornhillpc)
By Letter: Drop a note into the office, addressed to the Parent Council

Finally...

We want all Parents/ Carers at Lornshill Academy to get involved in what's going on at school because when Parents/Carers and Schools work together - **KIDS DO BETTER!**

LORNSHILL ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL



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**OUR YEAR AS
PARENTS & CARERS**

What is the Parent Council?

We are a group of parents who voluntarily act on behalf of the whole 'Parent Forum' (All those who are parents, carers or guardian of a child at Lornshill). We aim to represent the view of ALL parents and carers at Lornshill.

What does the Parent Council do?

We link with the school via regular meetings to have input into the issues that the school is dealing with, whilst being a voice for ALL those in the parent forum.

- The school uses the meetings to introduce new/potential changes to practices and procedures in the school and to get feedback from a parental perspective. This may result in further consultation prior to rolling out new initiatives.
- We help the school to understand how they can effectively involve parents/carers in their child's learning and in the life of the school.
- We can help parents to resolve problems by pointing them towards the correct methods of contacting the school, unless that problem is one affecting a group of parents, in which case we would raise the matter with Mr Black directly.
- Most importantly, we support the School and the Headteacher to achieve the School's Improvement Priorities.

Our Year as Parents

This year we have had 5 meetings plus an AGM; which will take place after the P7 transition meeting. During the year we have changed the format of the meeting to focus on the Schools Improvement Priorities and increase opportunities for parental feedback. This has been a great success and we plan to continue this theme throughout 2019/20.

- At each meeting Mr Black; Head Teacher has given an update on a range of topics. Amongst the topics discussed have been the general running of school [events, staffing, procedural changes], how the school communicates with parents and how this vital connection can and should be improved (the school App is fantastic - please download it as soon as you can), the school website (which we are working with the school to develop) and the schools impact on pupils, parents, staff and the wider community.
- We responded to Clackmannanshire Council's budgetary proposals, considering how any proposed cuts would affect the school, our young people and the wider community and worked jointly with the Alloa Academy PC and Friends of Alva Academy to escalate our concerns.
- We have had presentations from Mr Scruton and Mr Leslie on increasing opportunities for Parental Engagement; resulting in the successful 'Learning Roadshows' at our catchment primaries which allow parents / careers to access Lornshill Staff within their own communities. Miss McKay also shared her plans for Revel Week, which proved to be a fantastic opportunity for all pupils to expand their learning experiences.

Parental Engagement

Throughout the year Parental Engagement has been a key focus for Mr Black.

- All parents are surveyed termly to gain our thoughts on specific areas within the school and our feedback is taken 'on board'. As parents we raised concerns about the change of Pupil Support Teacher between S1-3 and S4-6. The school has listened to our concerns and has now changed the Pupil Support Structure, allowing the positive relationships built in S1-3 to continue into the Senior Phase.
- Mr Arnold recently sought the thoughts of the Parent Council on the survey questions; hoping to increase the number of parents who respond going forward. We provided lots of simple suggestions for making the survey more 'parent friendly', which you will see in the next survey.
- Mr Black and Mr Clancy have also sought our thoughts on the pupil monitoring and tracking database; to help the school understand what we as parents / carers want to know about our pupil's progress. We are hoping to run a 'Pilot Project' with the Parent Council members to test the system before it is rolled out to all parents during 2019/20.
- Parent Council meetings allow Mr Black to use us as a sounding board for new ideas and developments before they are implemented across the whole school.
- We ALL have the opportunity to influence positive changes within the school, so please remember '**Your Voice is Important!**'