**RAYNE NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PARENT COUNCIL& PARENT FORUM

# **INFORMATION FOR NEW FAMILIES**

Welcome to Rayne North Primary School!

This information is intended to give families who have joined the school community some information about how parents are involved in school life.

Education in Scotland is designed around the concepts that ‘Learning begins (and continues) at Home’, ‘Parents and Schools are Partners’, and ‘Parents have a Voice’.

**Every** parent, guardian or carer with parental rights and responsibilities who has a child attending Rayne North Primary School is automatically a member of the parent forum.

**Every** member of the parent forum is welcome to attend parent council meetings and is **eligible** to take on a role in the parent council.

**Parents Get Involved**

Every parent wants the best for their child. One of the most important ways of making a difference to your child’s learning is to be involved. Only you will know which form of involvement suits you best and there is every opportunity for Rayne North families to be part of the school community in a variety of ways.

One of the best ways to find out what is happening in school is to join in with what is going on. The parent council, with the help of the parent forum, run school based events throughout the year.

Everyone is welcome to help in the planning and running of these events, or to just come along, support the event and enjoy the fun.

We believe these activities give Rayne North a strong sense of community and any funds raised are spent on resources or activities for the school.

**Parent Council Role**

The parent council is supported by law under the Scottish School (Parental Involvement) Act 2006. The Scottish Executive has produced two documents with information and advice about the Act which can be found on the Parentzone website. [www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk](http://www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk)

The main functions of the Parent Council are to:

* Support the school in its work with pupils and parents
* Represent the views of the parents
* Promote contact and communication between the school, parents, pupils, the community, nursery and other providers
* Report to the parent forum

**Parent Council Members**

In order to fulfil the constitutionthere are six elected members of the parent forum who take on a role in the parent council. The positions are: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Minutes Secretary and Fundraising Coordinator.

**Parent Council Meetings**

There are usually four meetings in a school year, one per term. In the first term the parent council holds its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and this is where the office bearers are elected. The meetings have set agenda items, parents and carers can ask for items to be added or bring up something they want to discuss at the end in Any Other Business (AOB).

Parent Council 2017 – 2018 School Year

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