**SCHOOL**

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**[insert school name] Parent Council**

**What is a parent council?**

A parent council is are a platform for parents / carers of children who attend the school to put forward their views and opinions to the school and governing body.

The parent council is a forum to enable parents / carers to be consulted, learn more about the school and how they can be involved.

The parent council provides a platform for parents / carers to have a voice and influence within the school environment.

**How is a parent council different from the PTA?**

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) brings together parents, teachers and others to raise money to support the school. All parents / carers can become involved in the PTA even if they only have a small amount of time available.

**How is a parent council different from parent governors?**

Being part of the parent council is less formal than being on the Governing Body, but enables parents / carers to make a real contribution to the school without having any statutory responsibilities.

**What will the parent council do?**

The role of the parent council is to work in partnership with school staff and the governing body to ensure the parents / carers views and opinions are fed into key decisions about the school.

Possible tasks the parent council will be involved in are:

* consulting with parents / carers on their views around key decisions
* learning about what is being taught in school and how parents / carers can support their child’s learning (the parent council’s role is to disseminate this to parents)
* feeding back issues / concerns from parents / carers
* produce an annual parents questionnaire and feedback responses to school & governing body
* sit on interview panels for the school when recruitment is taking place

**Who will be on the parent council?**

There will be two parent / carer representatives from each class, governor representative and a representative from the school.

**What is the commitment?**

The parent council will meet once a term (autumn, spring and summer) for 1 hour at a time that is convenient for all members of the parent council. If anyone is unable to attend the meeting they are asked to send their apologies in advance.

**What do I get from it?**

The parent council will give you the opportunity to make a real difference within the school and work together with parents / carers from across the school to ensure everyone is working to the schools values.

The parent council will give you the opportunity to take part in training to enhance your skills and knowledge.

The parent council will enable you to actively feed into the school and its development.

**How do I become a member of the parent council?**

Parents / carers who are interested in becoming a member of the parent council will be asked to fill out a short form with their details and a bit about why they would like to be on the parent council. Two parent / carer representatives from each class will then be chosen to represent the parents / carers from their year group for a one year term.