

St Margaret's RC Primary Parent Council Church Rep

As a Catholic school, the values of the Gospel permeate all aspects of school life. God's message of love, tolerance and respect for the individual is central to the school community including the Parent Council.

The role of Church Rep is central to the Parent Council's ability to work collaboratively and constructively with the school and church to supporting it to upholding the below values:

- All people are made in the image and likeness of God, and are deserving of dignity and respect
- All learners are of equal value.
- We recognise and respect difference.
- We foster positive attitudes and relationships, and a shared sense of cohesion and belonging.

Aims of Church Rep Role:

- Works effectively in conjunction with the school and church to support families
- to take an interest in the school's effective development as a Catholic school
- to promote the effective partnership of home, school and parish in the education and formation of children and young people
- to encourage a commitment to the spiritual formation of the school community through the shared experience of prayer and liturgy
- be aware of the Church's views on all relevant matters and explain these views in meetings when appropriate
- Liaise with the parent body to bring general questions/observations to the attention of the Parent Council and school management when necessary
- Submit agenda items for the church rep segment of the PC meetings, in advance to enable constructive discussion at meetings
- Work with the Equalities Rep to ensure that particular challenges are taken into account when children are attending church or preparing for sacraments.
- Organise or ask the school to organise information/advise sessions where appropriate
- Manage expectations and ensure that the parent body are aware that the Parent Council cannot discuss individual issues¹ making sure parents are aware of the most appropriate routes to discuss/address issues for their child and signposting to other sources of support, outside that available through school, where appropriate
- The Church rep should consult and communicate, as appropriate, with: the local parish priest, Parent Council committee, the RE Adviser(s) for the Diocese, the Church's Representative on the local authority's Education Committee.

¹ <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/Documents/parent-councils-member-information.pdf>