

## Welcome to St Margaret's from the Parent Council, 2021-2022

### **Who are we?**



**Chair** - My name's Alison Hagan. I'm a mum of three, two of whom are at the school - one in P3 and one in P1 (and one who wishes she was starting but isn't just yet!). I have been Chair of the Parent Council since June 2020, prior to this I held the role of treasurer.



**Treasurer** - My name is Kasia Banaszewska-Diaz. I have been living in Scotland for the last 16 years. I am a mum of two, one who is in P4 and one who is 4. I work as a Finance Administrator for two small charity organisations and I have been Treasurer of the Parent Council since June 2020.



**Secretary** - My name is Katie Wotherspoon, I am a mum of three with one in P5, one in P3 and as of August, one in P1. I am continuing on the role as Parent Council Secretary, which I have held for the past three years and thoroughly enjoy. Outside of the Parent Council I am a Civil Servant in the Scottish Government.

### **What are the aims of a Parent Council?**

The Advancement of Education, which will be achieved by the following methods:

- Promote close co-operation and communication between parents and teachers
- To study and discuss matters of mutual interest relating to the education and welfare of the pupils
- To engage in activities which support and advance the education of pupils attending the school

### **How does this work at St Margaret's?**

We have monthly Parent Council meetings with school, where we discuss how we as a parent body can support the school and how we can work together for the benefit of all the pupils at our school.

The Parent Council can raise general questions or issues with the school on your behalf. If you have an issue or question specific to your child, it is best to raise this directly with the school yourself.

The Parent Council raises funds to support activities at the school. In the past we have funded; sailing (P6), P7 leavers trip, P1 bookbags, buses for the pantomime, the breakfast club, musical instruments, books, iPads, Christmas parties and house prizes. We are always looking for ways to raise more funds so please get in touch if your work does match funding or if you would like to help in anyway.

### **How to contact the Parent Council**

The email address for the Parent Council is [admin@stmargaretparentcouncil.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmargaretparentcouncil.co.uk). The Parent Council also has a private Facebook group (St Margaret's Parent

Council) on which we share communication from school and other relevant information. If you would like to be added please email.

### **Parent Council meetings**

All parents are very welcome to attend Parent Council meetings, however only members have a vote on things like actions to be taken and what we put our funds towards. Members are confirmed at the first meeting after the AGM each year, or you can join as a member at the first meeting once your child has joined the school. Our AGMs are held at the end March to coincide with the financial year. If you are unable to attend but would like to engage with what is going on there is a section on the agenda called "Questions from the Parent Body". If you email us any questions you would like addressing, we will bring them up in this section of the meeting (you can do this anonymously if you prefer), providing the response in the public minutes of the meeting, which can be found on the school website. Here are all the details of meetings for the coming year.

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Joining Link</b>
<b>Wednesday 28 April 2021, 7pm</b>	<a href="#">April Parent Council Meeting</a>
<b>Wednesday 26 May 2021, 7pm</b>	<a href="#">May Parent Council Meeting</a>
<b>Wednesday 16 June 2021, 7pm</b>	<a href="#">June Parent Council Meeting</a>
<b>Wednesday 25 August 2021, 7pm</b>	<a href="#">August Parent Council Meeting</a>
<b>Wednesday 29 September 2021, 7pm</b>	<a href="#">September Parent Council Meeting</a>
<b>Wednesday 27 October 2021, 7pm</b>	<a href="#">October Parent Council Meeting</a>
<b>Wednesday 24 November 2021, 7pm</b>	<a href="#">November Parent Council Meeting</a>
<b>Wednesday 26 January 2022, 7pm</b>	<a href="#">January Parent Council Meeting</a>
<b>Wednesday 23 February 2022, 7pm</b>	<a href="#">February Parent Council Meeting</a>
<b>Wednesday 30 March 2022, 7pm</b>	<a href="#">AGM 2021-2022</a>

Please do get in touch if we can be of assistance to you and your family whilst you're at St Margaret's.

Best wishes,

St Margaret's RC Primary School Parent Council

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