

# Parent Council Newsletter

Winter 2018

Welcome to the first Parent Council Newsletter!

The Parent Council is made up from parents and carers of pupils at Alford Academy. Its purpose is to work in partnership with the school and in particular with the Academy Leadership Team to create a welcoming school which is inclusive for all pupils and parents. It promotes collaborative working between parents, families and the school. It looks to develop ways to actively engage parents to support children's education, the welfare of the pupils and improve their outcomes. It also looks to identify and represent the views of all parents on the education provided by the school.

First of all, some introductions to your committee:

Chairman	Colin Turnbull
Vice Chair	David Wyllie
Treasurer	Denise Smith
Secretary	Liz Strachan

We meet around six times per year, with dates on the School Calendar. Look out for reminders on the school facebook page as well as on the school blog. Meetings are open to all parents and carers and we would encourage everyone to come along to have their voice heard.

The issues we have been discussing this year include; school trips, links to community groups, pupil council-parent council partnership, parental engagement and improvement priorities.

The Head Teacher and other members of the Senior Leadership Team always attend the meetings and help to make these discussions useful and meaningful.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7pm at the Community Campus.

Below are some useful links to find out in more detail what the Parent Council have been doing as well as giving detailed information on the School. We would strongly recommend that you 'like' the school facebook page and visit the School Blog regularly to find out what is happening at the school and with your children's education.

School website      <http://alfordacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/>

School Facebook Page      <https://www.facebook.com/Alford-Academy-138567262852398/>

School Blog      <http://alfordacademy.edublogs.org/>

School Handbook      <http://alfordacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/school-handbook/>

Parent Council Agendas and Minutes      <http://alfordacademy.edublogs.org/2010/01/01/parent-council/>