

Ormiston Primary School Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 18th March 2026

Date of minutes: Thursday 19th March 2026

Attendees: Liz Wright (Chair), Kelly Jones, Sarah Morgan (Head Teacher), Nic Little (Deputy Head Teacher), Hollie Wallace (Clerk), Rebecca McConnell, Sophie Coats (Treasurer), Melissa Pagan, Alice Shan, Kirsty Dunn (Class Teacher), Shona Corrigan, Jacqueline Robertson, Laura Hook,

Apologies: Nikki Johnston, Garret Brady, Sarah Anderson, Gabriela Veverkova, Bridget Garvie, Tina Singh Kang, Caroline Gray, Heather Martin, Linsey Howie

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th May 2026

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Key Discussion Points</u>	<u>Actions</u>
Headteacher Update - Sarah	• School Improvement Plan – there is a currently focus on literacy to review the writing cycle. This will ensure that the children are exposed to a range of different genres, specific to their stages not levels. There will be a focus on new learning in each year. • There has been a session for reading for all Tranent schools. Exploring what high quality reading looks like in school over a week. One change has been to move from 45 minutes of accelerated reading time to 20 minutes each day due to evidence showing this is more	

	meaningful. Using picture books, film or animation too where appropriate. • Handwriting Policy & Presentation has been developed with a clear expectation on handwriting progression. There will be teaching time and opportunity to practice this skill. • Further work ongoing on high quality and teaching with a focus on learning intentions and success criteria. Looking to engage learners throughout the lesson and not just at the start. • Sarah has reported back to the Education Committee after the recent inspection. There were some further questions and positive comments around how the children like school and like to come to school. A revisit will not be happening. • P3 camp is now confirmed over two dates, splitting the children into two groups. This is due to ratios, space at camp and staffing the camp and school. • Winton has been confirmed for camps. School have asked if parents and carers would support with transporting things to Winton. PC agreed. Kirsty will discuss with Liz. • There are plans for the P7 camp for next session allowing parents to pay in instalments. There have been some cost issues raised with this. • There is new legislation that every child should have a one-week residential	
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	experience. This is at some point in their school career and is not funded for the children or camp provisions. • Staffing Update – Miss Dunn is back and well. Mrs Bernard will be off for an extended period and so after an interview process Mrs Ower will be taking the PT position in the interim. • Teaching staff absence is reimbursed into school budget once the absence is longer than 10 days. This applies after 20 days for support staff. • Groupcall is being rolled out and from 1st April will be used full time. Updates will mostly come via email - particularly for more routine messages. Groupcall allows school to see when emails are delivered and when they have been opened. Mrs Logan can use this information to follow up when necessary. • Attendance target is 94.8% and at the end of Feb was at 94%. Care experienced children were tracked at 96.5% and young carers at 93%. • There are two current consultations – one around reporting to parent and carers and how they would like this to look. PC looked over the form and asked for a question to be added asking about which format is preferred (learning stories or report) and a comment section. • Another consultation is taking place around camps and families views on trips,	
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	the cost and the experiences. This form was also looked over by PC and they confirmed it was asking the right questions. Both forms will be emailed and QR codes on show at next week's parents' night.	
Positive Relationship Policy – Nic	Nic shared an overview of the Positive Relationship Policy and PC appreciated seeing the document. It will be available on the website.	
Treasurer Report - Sophie	- Currently there is £4790.91 in the bank. - Still waiting on money from Barrel of Booze – Liz will check this. - Recently paid £350 for World Book Day storyteller and books for the swap. £420 being used for the Playground tidy day. Some of Jess's fundraising will be used towards some of this. Jess has already paid for a planter and some plants for the playground. - Last year's accounts have been sent to Jenny (accountant). - Jenny advised that if we were to gift an amount to each class next session, for the teacher to use for the class, teachers would need to keep receipts. Sarah advised this would be fine and school could manage this. Otherwise, school would need to ask PC to order. PC will discuss offline. - Sophie has applied for Dobbie's Community Fund Grant - Miss Livingstone has applied for a grant from Learning Through Landscapes.	Liz to check regarding Barrow of Booze funds

Google Classroom – Parent Updates (Nic)	Nic has viewed the google classrooms for the classes and does see there is a difference in its use. As the younger years use play based learning you would expect that there is more opportunity for photographs to be shared. This changes as the children move up the school and the use of google classroom changes for the children. Nic has advised that school will look at sharing in more creative ways. Liz suggested even termly updates on class focus areas and celebrations. Kelly said that it was lovely for a class assembly to be filmed for the parents who could not attend – then shared on google classroom.	
Bikes – Sophie & Nic	- Sophie has sent out a map for families to understand where bikes and scooters should be stored. - Nic advised that there is a possible funding opportunity to provide padlocks or another secure space for storing scooters.	
Fundraising	- Parentkind offer a parent lottery where tickets are purchased for £1 and a portion of this goes to Parent Council. - Easter – looking to hold a few stalls on the last day of term after school including the mystery hunt - Colour Run – date set 8th May	
Garden Tidy - Sophie	Looking to remove bark chips and add grass seed before the holidays to allow to grow.	

Friends of Ormiston Park - Gabby	Gabby will share offline some information about Friends of Ormiston Park.	
School Photography - Liz	- Sarah will investigate possible photographers for future use. - Melissa suggested Tempest who were used previously.	Sarah to investigate photographer options
Languages Assembly - Alice	A thank you from Alice to school for the recent language assemblies - I just wanted to say a big thank you to the school for creating such a lovely environment for learning about different cultures. Really appreciate the opportunities the school provides in this area.	