



***“Together we learn and  
grow in the image and  
likeness of Christ.*”**

# **St Ninian’s Primary School Parent Council Code**

## **Introduction**

The aim of this Code is to ensure the highest standards of integrity in the Parent Council and to help members of the Parent Council to exercise their roles effectively in fulfilling the aims and objectives of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006.

All Parent Council members are asked to read the St Ninian’s Primary School Parent Council Constitution. Information about Parent Councils can be found in The Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006 and the Catholic Education Commission document ‘Supporting Partnership with Parents’. Further support can be found from the Scottish Catholic Education Service, Education Scotland and the National Parent Forum of Scotland.

## **Parent Council Members**

Parent Council Members must always act in a way which maintains and protects the ethos and values of St Ninian’s Primary School. They should contribute constructively to discussions and ensure that any actions or decisions they take as a Parent Council Member can be justified and are taken in an open and accountable manner. Everyone is asked to respect and adhere to the decisions taken. All issues should be treated in an open manner unless deemed confidential.

Council members should disclose any personal interest in an issue under discussion before the discussion takes place and not participate in the discussion. If Parent Council Members have information pertinent to an issue which they feel is relevant, this should be raised with the Chairperson and if so required presented in a confidential manner.

All members are required to abide by the Constitution of the Parent Council, the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006 and any related or relevant legislation, regulations or policies.

Parent Council Members must not abuse their position for personal gain or advantage, or advance the interests of their children through membership of the Parent Council counter to those of the wider pupil population. Specifically they must not ask for matters relating to their children to be dealt with at Parent Council or accept gifts or hospitality.

## **Personal Considerations**

Parent Council Members must act in the best interests of the school and must ensure that their views are put forward for the benefit of the work of the Parent Council in support of whole school issues irrespective of any interest group they may represent.

Parent Council Members shall not speak or otherwise liaise with the Press or other media representatives without the prior approval of the Parent Council and in consultation with the Headteacher.

There is a clear commitment to all Parent Council members that they will be supported, through induction, information, support and training, to assist them to exercise their role and responsibilities as Parent Council Members.

## **Complaints**

In the event of any complaint about the conduct of any individual Parent Council Member, whether raised by another Parent Council Member or a member of the Parent Forum or the wider community, the matter will be dealt with confidentially, impartially and in accordance with section 15 of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006

## **Review of this Code**

This Code of Conduct will be reviewed at least annually and amended if considered necessary by the Parent Council.

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