

**MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING
AUCHENBLAE PARENT COUNCIL
2nd June 2020**

Attendance;-

*Mirjam Currie (Chair)	Lynn Fish (Head)
* Kate Russon (Secretary)	*Zoe Archer
*Alyson Tulloch (Treasurer)	*Charlene Cheesman
Kevin Gaffney	Suzanne Craik
*Kirsty Clarke	*Lorna Eastaugh
Amy Whittet	*Leanne Sutherland
Kate Rudman	Susan Whitby
Laura Tierney	*Katy Slessor

* - Indicates member of Parent Council

Apologies;-

*Amanda Greig	Kate Matthews
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Item	Description	Action
2	Welcome from Chair	
3	<p>Head's Report Lynn fish welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly after the technical difficulties of getting started.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blended return to school – part in school and part home learning. • Those attending school should ensure that they are not shielding or self-isolating. They should not be displaying any symptoms. • It is not compulsory for children to attend school on the days they are allocated, that will be parental choice. The children will be provided with home learning for the days they are allocated for home learning. • School holidays missed will be reallocated at some point next session. All pre-arranged holidays for those dates will be noted as an authorised absence. • The school has been issued a floor plan to establish how many people are allowed in each room, this includes the adults. • Transport are still working on how many children they can safely transport on their buses and how they will get the children to school. • New classes will be built upon floor plans, room sizes, transport and family groups being in at the same time. This will include Nursery as much as possible. • Lunches will be in the classroom – awaiting guidance on packed lunches needing to be disposable. <p>Risk assessments will be signed off by Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>In school we will focus on Literacy, Numeracy & Health and Wellbeing with planned outdoor learning. PE will be outside as the hall will store excess furniture so outdoor clothing will be required.</p> <p>Dropping off and collecting children will be staggered and there will be a one-way system into and out of the playground. We are hoping to make P1 the final drop-off in the morning to help them feel more comfortable entering an unfamiliar room and building.</p> <p>To start with, parents will not be able to stay in the playground and will be asked to phone or email the school for any enquiries. They cannot enter the school building as that increases the number of people in the school bubble. We hope this will be eased over time.</p> <p>There will also be a one-way system in school. Everyone comes in through the front door and out through the back door.</p> <p>Children will keep their personal belongings in the classroom, we will not be using the cloakrooms. Everything will go home with the children at the end of their days in school, we won't be able to store them for their next return.</p> <p>Their school resources and materials will be kept in a plastic folder in their own tray. Trays and folders will be cleaned after use.</p> <p>The Childcare Hub in Laurencekirk will remain open after August.</p>	

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4	<p>Questions</p> <p>KS asked if nursery could be in at the same time as siblings. LF responded that nursery children had been included in family groupings. LT asked if on the first day of P1 parents would be able to see their children into the classroom. LF responded she understood the difficulties and that there are going to be strategies for transition for new P1 children. KR asked if there would be transition for P7. LF answered that P7 will not be in school before the holidays but there might be some online transition available.</p> <p>KR asked about staffing, LF replied that Mr Lownie and Miss Green will be leaving at the end of the session and Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Jameson will be returning.</p> <p>AT asked if children were doing full days LF responded that it would be a rolling programme potentially children will be doing different days each week but that parents will know about the full term at the beginning of term.</p> <p>Kate Rudman asked if there's a possibility if local areas were in different infection situations, certain areas might be able to extend school hours if a risk assessment allowed. LF responded that they are following government guidance, as directed by Aberdeenshire council. K Rudman also asked if there were hand stitched logos or badges to attach to uniforms. The practicalities of uniform swap shop were discussed.</p> <p>LF stated that parents help will be greatly appreciated, such as looking at protocols when they are issued and feeding back to school. Practical issues will also need support such as making sure that the one-way system in school/playground is observed and potentially that no one parks on the hill at the beginning of term.</p> <p>LS asked about the first day of nursery and LF explained how children would meet their bubble leader on the football pitch and then be escorted into nursery. To begin with, parents can't be in the building as this affects the size of the bubble. There will be ways in which teachers will help to distract children and make things seem as normal as possible and arrangements are subject to change. KC asked if it would be possible for children in school to be put on a waiting list to be in school instead of going to the Hub. LF responded that this would cause problems with the integrity of the bubble which always has to be maintained.</p> <p>The idea of an informal parent gathering was suggested, and it was agreed that this was a good idea. MC has asked LF for ideas about wind farm funding and KG and K Rudman are happy to be involved in the application process. AT will do a Treasurer report for the next meeting and the AGM in September will go ahead as usual.</p>	
5	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 23rd June at 7:30PM on Microsoft Teams.</p>	