**What is Glenbervie School Parentship (GSP) and what does it do?**

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All Parents in a school are described as a **Parent Forum.** A **Parent Council** is the committee appointed by the **Parent Forum** to run matters on its behalf.

Glenbervie School Partnership (GSP) is the parent council for Glenbervie Primary School. It is run by the parents in the school and represent ALL the parents in the school. It is supported in legislation by the **Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006.**

**What can a Parent Council do?**

**Consult and Collaborate -** consult with all parents about matters which affect the life of the school and contribute to discussions about these including surveys and questionnaires in collaboration with the school. Some examples include:

* Learning and teaching
* The school improvement plan
* Issues related to school budgets and school funding
* School Policies

**Campaign -** campaign, on behalf of the school about matters directly affecting children. This might include campaigning about

* Parking and traffic issues
* Budgets
* School transport
* School Closures

**Fundraise -** Fundraise to help the school add value to what it offers to children. This is often the function of a Parent Teacher Association. The PTA can function independently or be a sub-group of the Parent Council

**Why is having a Parent Council important?**

* You can express ideas and share thoughts with school through the Parent Council on issues affecting children in school
* It helps the Headteacher to parent proof communication
* Collaborating with the school is a good thing for you, your children and the school
* Research suggests that when school and parents work together the outcomes for children in terms of attainment and achievement are better
* Effective Parent Councils can be a support to the community as well as the school
* We need each other – particularly at the moment!

**So can Parent Councils talk about anything to do with school?**

You should ask the school to deal with matters related to your own child’s experience at school; you should ask the Parent Council to deal with more general concerns which may affect many/all children in the school. For example -

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| **Matters the school will deal with** | **Matters the Parent Council will deal with** |
| Concerns re your own child’s learning | Supporting learning at home, family learning, tips for supporting homework, engagement in School Improvement Planning |
| A bullying incident which has affected your child | Consultation about school anti-bullying policy or other policy development |
| An issue about a particular teacher | recruitment for Senior Leadership, involvement in school inspections |
| Concerns about another child | Consultation on supporting inclusion |
| Your child’s transition from Nursery to P1, Primary to Secondary, or Secondary to leaving school | Support in transition events |
| Children cycling in the playground | Campaigning to support road safety |

**What are Office Bearers?**

Office bearers are just roles that different Parent Council members do. The main roles are Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Office Bearer roles may sound intimidating and/or time consuming, but this is not the case in reality. These roles often require no more than an hour a month of your time, on average.

**Chairperson**

Some of the tasks a chairperson does are:

* Consult with the Headteacher re meeting dates and share agenda with Headteacher in advance of the meeting
* Ask the secretary to put out the agenda and minutes
* Run the meetings and try to keep the agenda moving
* Makes sure everyone at the meeting has a chance to share their thoughts
* Give a yearly update of work at the AGM
* Liaise with Aberdeenshire Council’s Education Officer for Parental Engagement

**Secretary**

The main tasks a secretary/clerk does are:

* Send out the emails with the agenda and the minutes (often arranged through school)
* Request the Headteacher’s report if it is being circulated in advance of the meeting
* Take the minutes of the meetings

**Treasurer**

The main tasks a treasurer has are:

* To keep accurate financial records.
* To present a written financial report and evidence of bank balances at each Parent Council meeting.
* Ensure the proper counting and banking of money and making approved payments.
* Preparing the annual accounts

**If you are interested in finding out more about becoming an Office Bearer in our Parent Council or you are interested in joining our Parent Council please attend our online AGM on Thursday 10th November.**

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**If you cannot attend the session and would like to propose yourself for a role or you would like to speak to the current Chairperson, Tracey Smith, about anything in the above before the meeting on Thursday please email** [glenberviesp@gmail.com](mailto:glenberviesp@gmail.com)