

Proposed Parent Council Meeting Dates

2026-2027

Autumn Term:

Wednesday 14th October 2026

Wednesday 2nd December 2026

Spring Term:

Wednesday 10th February 2027

Summer Term:

Wednesday 12th May 2027

Wednesday 14th July 2027



Parent Council Information

Find out about Hamstel Infant School and
Nursery Parent Council.



What is the Parent Council?

The Parent Council is a forum where the opinions of parents and carers can be collected and shared. These comments can then be brought to the schools attention on a regular basis, in an organised and structured way. We have always valued parent contributions as part of our community voice and understand that having a variety of ways to share opinions helps the school to develop and grow. The Parent Council has Parent Councillors that meet regularly with school leadership and present the ideas voiced to Parents by Parents.

The meetings are an opportunity for parents, carers or guardians to discuss ideas with each other and members of the school's leadership team; ask questions about school and things that are going on in the school, find out about how decisions are made and learn about the work that is being put into the child's education and school experience.

Within the Parent Council there are named parents that represent each class within the school. They meet once each half term at a Parent Council meeting bringing points as agenda items that parents have shared prior to the meeting.

Who can join the Parent Council?

Any parent, carer or guardian of a child at Hamstel Infant School and Nursery can be a Parent Councillor in the Parent Council. The meetings happen during the school day, so a councillor role is best suited to a person who is able to arrange to attend a meeting within school hours.

Who attends the meetings?

Parent Councillors and the Vice Principal.

Each class can have a maximum of two Parent Councillors who are invited to each meeting. By agreed arrangement a substitute to the class Parent Councillor can be nominated to attend an individual meeting if neither of the regular class Councillors are able to attend.

The meetings are held in school. If a Parent Councillor is unable to attend in person for a particular reason we may be able to arrange remote access. We will then use a joint meeting model where the group can meet in person joined by remote attendees. This model is designed to expand the opportunities for attendance for all members.

What time would you need to commit?

You will need to consider if you have:

- Time to attend up to six meetings a year, one each half term, that last up to one hour, usually from 9.00 – 10.00am.
- Informal time to communicate with other parents before a meeting, in person or through social media groups, collecting their ideas, questions, views, issues.
- Informal time to feedback to parents after meetings, sharing answers to agenda items with a parent, individually or through social media groups

How do you get involved?

Contact Mrs Tracy: his_parentcouncil@his.porticoacademytrust.co.uk to express an interest.

Alternatively speak with one of our current Parent Councillors, who can tell you about their experiences and share your views at future meetings.