



# Parent Council Information Booklet

## 2024 -2025

### **Find out about**

Hamstel Infant School and Nursery Parent Council

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Current Parent Councillors

Parent Council Meeting Dates 2024 - 2025

## 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 their 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.

## What are the benefits to you as a Parent/Guardian?

**If you join the Parent Council you will:**

- Gain a clearer understanding of how decisions are made in school regarding your child's learning and experiences at school.
- Play an active role in the school, adding valuable insight to the decisions that are made from a parents' perspective.
- Have the opportunity to celebrate successes, ask questions and put forward ideas about the experiences of children and families in the school.

## 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.

Vicki Tracy, Vice Principal leads the meetings as a member of the School Leadership Team.

## What time would you need to commit?

### You will need to consider if you have:

- Time to attend six meetings a year, one each half term, that last 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 the Vice Principal, through the school office email 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

## 2024 – 2025 Proposed Parent Councillors

Name	Class Year group
<b>(VT) Vicki Tracy</b>	Vice Principal
	Nursery – Seahorse Class
	Nursery – Starfish Class
	YR Kingfisher Class
	YR Owl Class
	YR Peacock Class
	YR Woodpecker Class
	Y1 Dragonfly
	Y1 Duck
	Y1 Heron
<b>Ms M Whipps</b>	Y1 Newt
	Y2 Fox
	Y2 Hedgehog
<b>Mr M Driscoll</b>	Y2 Otter
<b>Mrs P Webster</b>	Y2 Squirrel
	Y2 Badger

## Proposed Parent Council Meeting Dates 2024-2025

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025