

Parent Council Summary Report

2024-2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to share with you this update on the work and impact of our Parent Council over the past academic year.

The Council is made up of dedicated parent volunteers and provides a structured forum for meaningful dialogue between parents and the school. This collaborative relationship aims to ensure that the voices of parents are heard and considered in decisions affecting the school, supporting the school's overarching educational goals and welfare of all children.

The Council's Terms of Reference can be found on the school website here:
<https://www.overtonprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=325&type=pdf>

The first Parent Council of the autumn term is on 8th October 2025. **An invitation to volunteer for the 2025-26 Parent Council will be sent out to all parents near the start of the term.** The current Council members have kindly agreed to also attend the first meeting.

Impact made this year

Parent Council has met twice a term this last academic year. Ahead of each meeting, Council members ask parents via Whatsapp groups for items to be considered for the agenda. The Council tries to address as many of these items as possible in the two meetings each term.

Minutes from all the meetings are on the school website [here](#). Below are some of the key outcomes achieved through the Council:

- **Class 'Meet and Greets' – timings and content:**
 - Feedback on what would make the Meet & Greet sessions even better has been gathered through Council members and incorporated (for example, guidance for parents on how to support learning at home, and how to use the link book)
 - The Year R M&G has been advertised much earlier to incoming parents (early July), to boost attendance rate
- **Improved welcome booklet:** Council was consulted on a new and improved welcome booklet for new starters
- **School start times:** Council was consulted on the school start times ahead of the change in January 2025
- **Additional sports provision:**

- Lunchtime play trolleys (consisting of sports equipment) have been ordered and will be available for the next academic year
- The school is exploring with three nearby schools a series of inter-school competitive sports days for next academic year
- Further inter-house sports opportunities are also being explored
- The school has contacted a rugby coach to explore a rugby after school club

- **A balanced diet:**
 - Feedback gathered from parents around the school's [balanced diet policy](#), and incorporated (for example, regarding the snack list)
 - Bread roll tuck shop to be reintroduced from September
 - Parent survey was issued to garner views on birthday treats

- **Improving communications and access to information:**
 - The Council has been able to explore with the school areas where communications with parents and guardians could be improved. For example, concerted effort is being made to avoid clashes and last-minute date changes, and Friday update newsletters will be made more accessible
 - The learning resources on the website have been signposted in Friday updates and via Parent Council members
 - School office hours updated on the website
 - The tip around how to add the school calendar onto your own device's calendar has been shared via Whatsapp groups
 - Improved classroom signs will be put in place for September

- **Additional salt bin** requested from Hampshire Highways

With our best wishes,

OPS Parent Council