

## MOSSHEAD PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

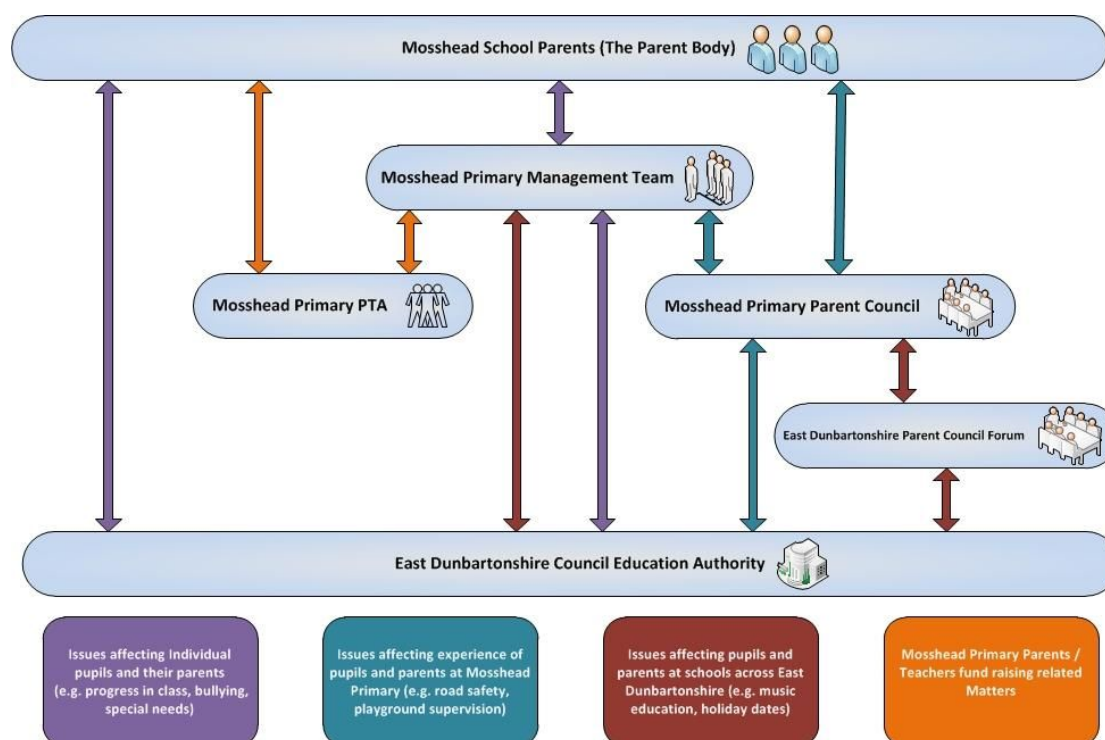
### What is the Parent Council?

Mosshead Parent Council is a group of volunteer parents and teaching staff member. We help to support the work of the School and the Head Teacher by representing the collective voice of the parent body. The Parent Council might be asked to consider how new initiatives planned for the school will be received by the Parent Body or help with the selection of a new Head Teacher.

### The role of the Parent Council is to:

- Work in partnership with the school and the wider community for the benefit of all pupils
- Aid communication between the parent, and the school on matters affecting the education and welfare of pupils

Lines of communication between parents, the school and the Education Authority are illustrated in the diagram below.



The Parent Council does **not** discuss any matters relating to individual children –if you have any concerns about issues affecting your child(ren) you should raise these directly with the school.

The **Parent Council Forum** is a national body that gathers parent views through local Parent Councils on local and national issues to do with Education. Their role is to ensure that parent voice is represented within East Dunbartonshire Education Authority and

also The Scottish Government. EDC Parent Council Forum sought our opinions relating to the educational governance review.

### **How does the Parent Council work?**

ALL parents can attend Parent Council meetings as can local councillors. Meeting dates will be posted in school newsletters and on the website. The Head Teacher will report on matters such as school inspection or aspects of the curriculum and responds to other matters raised by the Council. Members also provide feedback on school performance in areas such as parental involvement. Matters outwith the school's control are raised with the Education Authority, either directly or via the "Parent Council Forum". This includes parent representatives from schools across East Dunbartonshire and meets regularly with representatives of the Education Authority.

### **Why would you contact Mosshead Parent Council?**

Mosshead Parent Council can help take general issues affecting the whole school forward. Mosshead Parent Council was able to successfully lobby the Local Authority to ensure that the toilets in the school were updated and fit for purpose.

### **Feeding Back to Parents**

Minutes of meetings will be placed in the Parent Council section of the school website (<http://www.mosshead.e-dunbarton.sch.uk>) and will include links to sources of information about issues discussed. A copy of the most recent minutes is also displayed on the notice board to the right of the school main entrance. The Parent Council also reports back to parents through the Annual General Meeting, at which members are elected for the following year.