

KILLERMONT PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes 18 May 2026

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: CD, SM, GS, AT, AS, FM, CH, Cllr Gallagher, RS, AM, CL, KT, LM, RJ, JH, JC

Apologies: Councillor Moody, KA, SR

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were agreed.

3. Other matters arising

- None

4. Westend Adventure Out of School Club at KPS

- Advertising for the new Out of School club was released prematurely.
- The application to let out the school for this service has been withdrawn.
- This does not preclude such an application being submitted in future.
- Hopefully if such an application was received in future the school would be fully involved in such a consultation.

5. Chairperson's report and correspondence

Parent Council Forum

- The next meeting has been moved to 2nd June.
- SM cannot attend on this date so if any member of the Parent Council is free and wishes to attend they should let SM know.

Parents Evening

- At the Parents Evening a consultation was undertaken about the school aims. These were last updated in 2022.
- Key themes included: community, the environment, the rights of the child, equity, inclusion, recognising children as individuals and preparing children for their future through additional awareness and practical life skills.
- Some suggested language such as confident learners rather than successful learners be used.
- There will be more discussions regarding the aims with pupils.
- Once there are further updates around curriculum the school aims will be updated in due course.

Parent Council Constitution

- This was last updated in May 2022.
- SM has updated the layout and updated the content to include reference to digital.

- This will be shared with the Parent Council for approval.

6. Head Teacher's report and correspondence

School Improvement Priorities

- Headings have been provided to schools: Inclusion and Additional Support Needs and Pedagogy, Learning and Teaching.
- KPS will continue the work with the circle. This resource helps them look at the environment and things which impact children in their daily lives.
- The Local Authority vision, values and aims have been launched. Schools are asked to ensure these are visible.
- In this curriculum improvement cycle the school will be considering what is important at KPS.
- FM is holding off on renewing the aims so it can be ensured they fit with the curriculum improvement cycle.
- The values will be updated first including refreshing the images which sit alongside these.
- It is thought the current school vision is more of a motto, therefore the vision will be refreshed also. The views of the parent's gathered at the Parents Evening will be tied in with this.
- The above will be a key focus of the next academic year.
- FM is part of an Imagine Group focusing on curriculum.
- Meta skills are at the forefront of the curriculum improvement cycle. Tracking of such skills is important and evidencing these. Also looking at how this links with developing the young workforce.
- The Quality Review took place last week. The key strengths of the school which were highlighted will be shared (also appended). The use of digital technology was highlighted as a strength.
- Last week's review was in advance of an expected HMI inspection.

Classes

- Next year there will be two P1 classes of 25 pupils. No placing requests will be accepted as P1 is full.
- 68 pupils are leaving KPS so the roll will drop slightly.
- The building is at capacity.
- The new school roll may allow the school to operate 2 classes at each year with no composite classes.
- Team teaching will only take place in P6.
- The school expect to make changes to P2 into P3 to allow the pupils to mix more. Parents responded that they think there may be some concern about this. Any such concerns can be emailed to the school.
- P6 into P7 will also have some changes. There are reasons for changes at these stages.
- Some parents of P5 pupils would welcome a change to classes. Any specific concerns can be shared with FM.
- Hope to share new classes and teachers in June, with meet the teacher taking place on 17 June.
- Noted there is no set stage at which classes are changed at KPS. This is currently thought to be the best approach as it means if a class structure is

working well this can continue, but where problems arise this can be addressed. When changes are made a wide range of information is considered to come to the best outcome for pupils. This includes considering the pupil voice.

- No teachers are leaving other than those who were on probation.

PEF (Pupil Equity Funding)

- £12250 of PEF funding was received in the last year, much spent on counselling and literacy resources.
- Hope this will continue to be provided next year. Will to use this for a targeted approach for certain pupils. May look at staff training for teachers which could reduce the funds spent on counselling.
- Parents who had direct experience of the impact of the wellbeing and emotional support, provided through programmes such as SPARK, highlighted the importance of this support.
- Looking to use the PEF fund to address attainment gaps in literacy and numeracy.
- IG reported that Education Committee papers show that across EDC there is a low number of pupils in SIMD quintile 1, so small variations can significantly skew the numbers.
- Confirmed that Lifelink 1-2-1 support will continue.

Parents offering to help in the school

- A parent is doing some youth music with P3.
- A parent is helping P7 create props for their leavers service.
- A parent who is a gardener is going to help the eco-committee work on the eco garden next year.

School meal portions

- FM spoke with the catering manager about portion sizes who said these were mandated, though there is a window for adaptation. The vegetable and salad portion doesn't have an upper limit.
- The pupil council discussed the Christmas dinner and provided feedback.
- Some parents raised that their children said they were limited on what they could have in terms of combinations. FM confirmed they could discuss the available options with pupils at assembly. The quality review visitors last week were impressed with the catering provided.
- Some parents were concerned that pupils were taking such a short space of time to eat their lunch that there was limited time for them to socialise over lunch. FM confirmed P1 and P2 pupils are encouraged to take their time and ensure they eat as much as they need. Older pupils though do sometimes take a shorter time as they wish to get outside and play.

Hawk

- It is hoped the hawk will be returning to deter seagulls in the playground, though the date is still to be confirmed.

7. Councillor Update

- **Council budget meeting**
- Snack and play provision has been protected.
- Working with bus companies to re-route the number 60 bus. Meeting about this will be in July.
- Continuing with plans to roll out free school meals as promised.

Traffic free schools/road works

- Discussions are underway about KPS being included in the second tranche. A letter from the Parent Council would help with this.
- The men's shed are making the 'cross buddies'. It was noted that Police Scotland apparently provided these to Westerton Primary School.
- The pavement at Inveroran drive is being resurfaced in June.
- The Rannoch Drive carriage way is being redone.
- Garry Avenue will be included in carriageway resurfacing next year.

8. AOCB

More notice of School events

- Some parents requested as much advance notice as possible of school events such as 'Share the Learning' events.

Curriculum summary for year ahead

- Parents indicated that they would like this to be provided, and FM confirmed that this will be made available.
- Some parents commented that Teacher Updates used to be provided, though it was confirmed this was teacher dependant.

9. Scheduled dates and times of next meetings:

Date and time of next meetings:

- 7 September 2026
- 5 October 2026 (inc. AGM)
- 16 November 2026
- 18 January 2027
- 1 March 2027
- 17 May 2027

Quality Review: Particular Strengths of the School

1. The headteacher is well respected by children, staff, parents and partners. The Senior Leadership Team and staff work well together to create a strong sense of community with all children and parents.
2. Children across the school are welcoming, confident, able and articulate. They are well behaved, keen to learn and proud of the school. Staff provide a warm and rights respecting environment.
3. Children at Killermont Primary achieve very high standards in literacy and numeracy, with performance consistently exceeding national averages and expectations.
4. Teachers use a wide range of digital technology and pupils demonstrate high levels of confidence, independence and skills across all stages in digital learning which is positively enhancing their learning experiences.