

Dunecht School Parent Council (DSPC)

Trustees' Annual Report

to 31st August 2025

Scottish charity no – SC036126

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Charity Trustees

Stacey Sullivan	Chairperson
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Lauren London	Secretary
Steven Archibald	Treasurer
Alexandra Munro	Fundraising Lead
Chris Minchin	Dunecht Dash Lead

Objectives and activities

DSPC's purpose is to work in partnership with the school, its staff and pupils to improve the educational experience and welfare of the children through discussion of school related issues and organising fundraising and social events.

The parent council aims to create and maintain links between all stakeholders of the school, develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils, to represent the views of the parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils.

The DSPC holds meetings at least once every school term or more often if required.

Members of the Parent forum are all parents and carers of children at the school and the parent council consists of Office bearers elected from the parent forum, members of the parent forum and any co-opted members.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The DSPC is governed by its constitution which was set up and approved on 9th January 2008 and amended in June 2019 and April 2025.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Unless otherwise stated, office bearers are elected at the AGM which is held in June each year. Any parent/carers from the parent forum can volunteer to be an office bearer.

Achievements and performance

The DSPC's main fundraiser event is the Dunecht Dash, a 2km fun run and 5km race held in the grounds of the local estate, and was held in June 2025 raising £9,472 (23/24: £7,578).

The second main fundraising event is the Christmas Fair held in December 2025. Tables are sold to stall holders and an entry fee is charged. This is a large community social event and raised £1,482 (23/24: £1,188).

Social events were held during the year for the children and the beetle drive and Halloween disco were well attended and enjoyed by all.

The funds raised helped the DSPC to pay for Forest School sessions, subscription charges for online resource material for the children and to refund the teachers for incidental items they purchased for their classrooms. A total of £7,918 was paid to the school to cover these activities.

Financial review

The DSPC made a surplus of £4,422 in the year (23/24: deficit of £2,808). Income of £17,301 was raised primarily from the fundraising activities noted above. £7,918 of funds were donated to the school for the costs of forest school, annual subscriptions and to finance further educational experiences for the Dunecht School children.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The aim is to hold reserves at least sufficient to cover annual Dunecht Dash expenses to enable this main event to be run each year, currently around £2,000 p.a. Reserves amounted to £13,777 at the end of the year (23/24: £9,355).

Future plans

It was agreed at the AGM that the DSPC would pay the school for the 24/25 year to cover forest school, education subscription charges, bus fund for excursions and the inclusion fund. Further expenditure for other educational experiences for the Dunecht School children will be considered throughout the school year.

Once again, the DSPC plans to hold its two main fundraising events during the upcoming school year to replenish funds.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name Steven Archibald

Designation TREASURER

Date 4th May 2026