



# the National Parent Forum of Scotland

## Review of Parental Involvement with Local Authority Schools.

Dear parent/carer/family member,

Ten years ago the Scottish Parliament passed a law to ensure that parents can be fully involved in their children's schooling.

This was to help parents:

- be involved with their child's education and learning
- feel welcomed to take part in the life of the school
- and to be encouraged to express their views, on their school and working together with the school.

The Scottish Government have asked the body which represents parents' views – the National Parent Forum of Scotland – to review the Act on the government's behalf and to make recommendations on what needs to change and how.

This review asks for your opinion on the impact, successes and failings of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006. This includes looking at how well schools involve parents in what they do, and finding ideas to develop ways to better involve parents in the life and work of their schools. It is also hoped that it will inspire everyone to look at the most effective way of helping parents support children in Scottish schools.

A 'Call for Evidence' is a way to ask the public what they think, gather information on what issues exist, and suggest ways of dealing with them. It includes set questions, but can also involve people describing what their experience has been, or what their opinions are.

This call for evidence asks for your views as a parent. It can be completed via this online survey, or paper copies can be downloaded from [www.npfs.org.uk/Review](http://www.npfs.org.uk/Review) and emailed or printed to be posted back.

You can contact the NPFS on 0131 313 8842 or by emailing [reviewteam@npfs.org.uk](mailto:reviewteam@npfs.org.uk)

If you would like to return a paper copy to us please send it to:

Review Team,

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If you would like help completing the questionnaire please get in touch.

## Section 1 - About you & your family

### 1. What relation are you to a school aged child in Scotland?

Mother  
Father  
Grandparent ( Primary Caregiver)  
Grandparent ( Not Primary Caregiver)  
Family member (Primary caregiver)  
Family member ( Not Primary caregiver)  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Are your child(ren) in?

(tick all that apply)

Nursery  
Primary School  
Secondary School

### 3. What is the first part of your postcode

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Please X this box if you are not happy for your responses to be published within the findings. All of the information will be treated in the strictest confidence. It will not be possible for individuals to be identified in the publication of the report.

## Section 2 -

### 1. Thinking about your school

Does it give you the opportunity to :

be included in your child's learning	Yes	No	Not sure
help you be involved in the school community	Yes	No	Not sure
ask you for your opinions	Yes	No	Not sure
Do you feel that your school talks to parents in a way that suits everyone?	Yes	No	Not sure
Do you feel respected and valued	Yes	No	Not sure
Does it help you to know how your child is doing	Yes	No	Not sure
Does it keep you up to date in a way you can understand	Yes	No	Not sure

any further comments ?

2. How do you get involved with school life?

do you take part in :

Classroom activities	Often	Sometimes	Not often	Never
speaking with staff about your child	Often	Sometimes	Not often	Never
meetings & events about education	Often	Sometimes	Not often	Never
events held at the school	Often	Sometimes	Not often	Never
helping with after school clubs	Often	Sometimes	Not often	Never
Parent Council meetings	Often	Sometimes	Not often	Never
helping with homework	Often	Sometimes	Not often	Never
Other things	Often	Sometimes	Not often	Never

We'd like to hear more about your views on how your school involves parents with school life and their child(ren)'s learning. What do they do well? What doesn't work so well? What would you like to see change?

*further comments*

3.1 Does your school have a:

Parent Council	Yes	No	Not sure
PTA - Parent Teacher Association	Yes	No	Not sure
Parent group	Yes	No	Not sure

3.2 And are you involved in the:

Parent Council	Yes	No	N/A
PTA - Parent Teacher Association	Yes	No	N/A
Parent group	Yes	No	N/A

Every school can have a parent council, the functions of the Parent Council are to :

- support the school management in the work of the school
- represent the views of all the parents of children in school
- promote communication and partnership between parents and school, and
- give the parents point of view to the school, and local authority.

4. Do you feel that your schools Parent Council or parent led group :

Listens to all the parents	Always	Mostly	Not often	Never
Give information to parents	Always	Mostly	Not often	Never
make you feel included in the life of the school	Always	Mostly	Not often	Never
Represent all types of parents	Always	Mostly	Not often	Never
Is listened to by the school	Always	Mostly	Not often	Never

*further comments*

5. How does your school support you to help your children learn more at home? What more, if anything, could they do to help?

Comment

6.1. *How good is a) your school at helping parents get involved with the work of the school? Why is this? What do they do? What else, if anything could they do?*

*Comment*

6.2 How good is your parent council at helping parents get involved with the work of the school? Why is this? What do they do? What else, if anything could they do?

*Comment*

7. Do you have any other comments that you would like to share about being involved with your child(ren)'s learning and your school? This could be things that are working well, things that need improvement, or any changes that you would like to see to help you or other parents.

*Comment*

*Your completed questionnaire can be posted to **Review Team, NPFS, Rosebery House, 9 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 5EZ** or emailed to [reviewteam@npfs.org.uk](mailto:reviewteam@npfs.org.uk)*