

Parent's e-update

Falkirk Area Parent Forum – Wednesday 14th November (6.45 – 8.30pm), Falkirk High School

The next meeting of the Falkirk Area Parent Forum will take place in Falkirk High School on Wednesday 14th November (6.45 – 8.30pm). The Forum will be meeting during National Anti-Bullying Week and *respectme* (Scotland's Anti-Bullying Service) have agreed to come along and speak to parents about bullying in schools. This meeting will also be the Parent Forum's AGM. All parents are welcome to attend. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Parent Council Treasurers – change of email address

Can all Parent Council Treasurers please note that the email address for sending annual audited accounts has now changed to educ.childcare@falkirk.gov.uk. This change will appear on the Parent Council pages of Falkirk Council's website soon.

Free School Meals, School Clothing Grants & Educational Maintenance Allowance

You may have noticed that Falkirk Council have recently been sharing information via social media about eligibility of Children and Young People for Free School Meals, School Clothing Grants & Educational Maintenance Allowance.

If you are unsure whether your child is eligible for any of the above or you simply want to know more information about these and how to apply, please click on the links below:

Free School Meals: <http://falkirk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

School Clothing Grants: <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/schoolclothinggrants>

Educational Maintenance Allowance: www.falkirk.gov.uk/ema

“Learning together” – Scotland's National Action Plan on Parental Involvement, Parental Engagement, Family Learning and Learning at Home 2018-2021

The Scottish Government published the first ever action plan on Parental Involvement and Engagement following on from the NPFS review of the 2006 Parental Involvement Act. The new national action plan details a series of actions which the Scottish Government, local councils and schools will undertake in collaboratively working with their parent body. To find out more about the action plan, you can access it [here](#).

Connect (formerly SPTC) information sessions

Connect have asked me to share with parents that they are delivering a 'Parent Council Essentials' information session at Easter Carmuir Primary School on Wednesday 14th November: <https://connecteastercarmuir.eventbrite.com/>. Whilst this clashes with our Parent Forum meeting on the same date, this gives us an opportunity to remind Parent Council's that, as part of the group membership which Parent Councils have with Connect, each Parent Council is entitled to two free information sessions per year. These information sessions cover a range of issues which may be

important to parents and more details are available on [Connect's website](#). Parent Councils can also contact myself for further information if required.