

Parent Council/PTA News Update

Update of Children's Services Anti-Bullying Policies and Procedures – Public Survey

We are currently in the process of reviewing and updating our Anti-Bullying Policies and Procedures. For this purpose, we have created a public survey/consultation which went live this morning and will close on **Monday 12th March**. We are seeking the views of parents, pupils, former pupils, staff members and members of the public. You can access the survey here:

<https://say.falkirk.gov.uk/childrens-services/update-of-childrens-services-anti-bullying-policy/>

Please circulate to the rest of your Parent Council and any other parent contacts that you have.

SPTC online Q&A session – Monday 5th February (12.15 – 1pm & 8.15 – 9pm)

The SPTC will be running a Q&A session for Parent Councils next Monday 5th February between 12.15 – 1pm and then from 8.15 – 9pm. During this time you can put your questions about your Parent Council to the SPTC. Your Parent Council can book a free place on either Q&A session through the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sptc-online-workshop-5-february-2018-parent-councils-your-questions-answered-tickets-41281518132>

Education Scotland Awards 2018

The deadline for nominations for the Education Scotland Awards 2018 is **Wednesday 14th February 2018** at **12 noon**. A list of the awards can be found through the following link:

<http://www.scottisheducationawards.co.uk/nominate.html> If your Parent Council or PTA want to nominate the school/staff member for any awards they will need to do so by the above date.

Respectme Anti-Bullying training

Respectme will be running training sessions for parents (detailed below) within the next two months. To sign up for any of the training sessions please visit the respectme website:

www.respectme.org.uk

Online Safety Workshop (Tuesday 27th February (2 – 4pm) or Thursday 29th March (10am – 12pm))

This workshop is designed to increase parents' and carers' awareness of bullying and the other risks and challenges children and young people can face online. The workshop includes a practical, hands-on session, looking at how to set and manage profiles and privacy settings on different social networking platforms, to help ensure that children and young people are safe online.

Responding to Bullying – Parents' Workshop (Thursday 29th March (2 – 4pm))

This workshop is designed to increase parents' and carers' awareness of bullying behaviour and to look at the different ways they can respond if their child is being bullied, or is involved in the bullying of others. This workshop also offers guidance on how schools and parents can work together to create inclusive environments and provide effective support for children and young people.

Empowering Schools: A consultation on the provisions of the Education (Scotland) Bill - **DEADLINE TOMORROW!**

The Scottish Government are currently consulting on future changes to Education in Scotland. The consultation is split into five key areas:

- Headteacher's Charter
- Parental and Community Engagement
- Pupil Participation
- Regional Improvement Collaboratives
- Education Workforce Council for Scotland

The consultation can be accessed via the following link: <https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/education-scotland-bill/>

The deadline for responding to the consultation is tomorrow, **Tuesday 30th January 2018**.