

## **Parent Council/PTA News Update**

### **Falkirk Area Parent Forum – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September (6.45 – 8.30pm), Graeme High School**

The next meeting of the Falkirk Area Parent Forum will take place in Graeme High School on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September (6.45 – 8.30pm). There will be a presentation by a Team Manager from Children's Services on 'Play is the way'. There will also be a national update on the work of the National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFs) as well as a local update. All parents are welcome to attend. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

### **"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](#).

### **'The Cost of the School Day' – a toolkit for Parent Councils**

The Cost of the School Day toolkit for Parent Councils can be downloaded [here](#). This toolkit was launched by the NPFs and the Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland (CPAG). The toolkit is designed to help Parent Councils review and audit current practices in their schools, consider the impact of costs on low income families in their schools, and learn about simple actions taken by Parent Councils across Scotland which have helped reduce school costs to help children and young people from local income households to participate fully at school.

### **Parent Councils/PTA updates**

If there are any changes to the Parent Council or PTA over the course of the school year (change of chair, vice-chair, treasurer or clerk), please can you let me know. This is to ensure I maintain an up to date email distribution list for Parent Councils and PTAs.