# Dumfries and Galloway Parental Involvement and Engagement Census (PIE)

**Thank you for taking part in the Parental Involvement and Engagement Census.**

**Parents and carers are by far the most important influence on children’s lives.  Research shows that when parents are involved in their child's learning, children do better at school and throughout their lives.  We would like to get an idea of how you feel about your child's school and to give you a chance to reflect on the partnerships you are experiencing.  
  
Please take the time to answer the questions below, we value all of your responses and will use them to plan for our next steps in parental engagement opportunities and programmes.  
  
Completing the questionnaire should take no longer than 10 minutes and your answers will be kept completely confidential.**

**To begin, please tell us which school you are about to answer questions about.  
  
You may have one or more children in this school.  This doesn't matter.  Just answer the questions about the school you have selected.   
  
If you have children who attend different schools within the same local authority then we would like you to complete the survey for each different school your children attend.**

### **Please tell us which school your child/children attend and that you will be thinking about when completing this questionnaire: \***

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**You are now going to see a number of statements about this school.  Please say to what extent do you agree or disagree with them.**

### **The school staff in this school are approachable.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Don't know |

### **The school keeps me well informed about my child's progress in a way I can understand.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |

### **I can contact the school within school opening hours, to speak to staff.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Don't know |

### **The school asks for my views about my child's learning and takes them into account.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Don't know |

### **I know what my child is learning at school.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |

### **The school provides me with useful information about how I can help my child learn at home.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |

### **The school seeks my views and opinions on school policies.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |

**All schools are required to produce a plan each year which aims to improve the quality of education provided by them.  
  
This improvement plan must be prepared in consultation with the Parent Council, teachers, pupils and parents, amongst others. The improvement plan should list the school's priorities for the forthcoming year.  
  
Please consider the statement on the next page.**

### **My views help the school to decide priorities in the school improvement plan.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Don't know |

### **How often does the school get in touch with you to provide information on what your child is currently learning about?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Weekly |
|  | Monthly |
|  | Once every term |
|  | Once every school year |
|  | Never |
|  | Don't know |

### **How often does the school get in touch with you to provide information on how your child is progressing with their learning?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Weekly |
|  | Monthly |
|  | Once every term |
|  | Once every school year |
|  | Never |
|  | Don't know |

### **How often does the school get in touch with you to provide information on ways to help your child continue learning at home?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Weekly |
|  | Monthly |
|  | Once every term |
|  | Once every school year |
|  | Never |
|  | Don't know |

### **How often does the school get in touch with you to provide general information about the school?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Weekly |
|  | Monthly |
|  | Once every term |
|  | Once every school year |
|  | Never |
|  | Don't know |

### **Please say to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statement: The school gives me the information I need to support my child's learning.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |

### **Please say to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statement: I am confident that if I need to contact my child's school, it will respond helpfully to my questions and comments.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Don't know |

### **Please say to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: There are opportunities for me to help with my child's school.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Don't know |

### **Does the school have a Parent Council?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  | No |
|  | Don't know |

### **How often does the Parent Council get in touch with you?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Once a week |
|  | Once a month |
|  | Once a school term |
|  | Once a school year |
|  | Never |

### **Please say to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The information I receive from the Parent Council is useful.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Don't know |

### **Are you a member of the school Parent Council?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  | No |

### **Please say to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The views and suggestions of the Parent Council are taken into account by the school's senior management.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Don't know |

### **Which of the following does the Parent Council do? Please select as many as you like.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Ask parents' views about what the children in the school are learning. |
|  | Represents the views of parents about matters in the school. |
|  | Provides information about education and learning to parents. |
|  | Asks parents for their views on how the school is run. |
|  | Fundraises for the school. |
|  | Helps to develop the school improvement plan. |
|  | Helps to develop the school handbook. |
|  | Helps with the recruitment of senior staff members. |
|  | Don't know |
|  | None of the above. |

**We are now going to ask a few questions about Family Learning.  
  
Family Learning encourages family members of all ages to learn together.  Family Learning programmes can also support parents and family members to develop their skills to better support children's learning.**

### **To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?: My child's school offers a selection of Family Learning activities such as events and workshops.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Don't know |

### **To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?: The school is making me aware of the Family Learning opportunities.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |
|  | Don't know |

### **Please say to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: I have taken part in Family Learning activities in the past school year.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree |
|  | Agree |
|  | Neither agree or disagree |
|  | Disagree |
|  | Strongly disagree |

**You are nearly at the end of the questionnaire.  We are now going to ask a few questions about your general involvement in your child's school.**

### **Thinking about your current involvement in the life of the school, would you like to be:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | A lot more involved |
|  | Slightly more involved |
|  | Neither more or less involved |
|  | Slightly less involved |
|  | A lot less involved |

### **Would you say there is anything preventing you from being more active in the life of your school?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  | No |

### **If there is anything preventing you from being more active in the life of your school, is this because: Please select all that apply**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | There are no opportunities |
|  | Work commitments |
|  | Care of younger children |
|  | Lack of confidence |
|  | I was not made aware of the opportunities |
|  | Cost |
|  | Language barriers |
|  | Other reason(s) |

### **Overall, how satisfied are you with how the school engages with you?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Very satisfied |
|  | Satisfied |
|  | Neither satisfied or dissatisfied |
|  | Dissatisfied |
|  | Very dissatisfied |
|  | Don't know |

**If there are any comments you wish to share please do so here**