**South Lanarkshire Council**

**Parental Involvement and Engagement (PIE) Census**

**Link to take you to the PIE Survey:** [**https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentalInvolvementandEngagementCensus2021-22/**](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentalInvolvementandEngagementCensus2021-22/)

**Completion Time:**

Approximately 10 – 15 minutes

Purpose

The purpose of this briefing paper is to provide you with an insight into the National Parental Involvement and Engagement Census planned for 2022.

# Background

The national Parental Involvement and Engagement (PIE) Census aims to rationalise the collection of Parental Involvement and Engagement data by providing a set of questions that all authorities will be invited to ask in their respective areas. This in time, will give us some baseline and comparable data to be used across Scotland and at a local authority level to effect improvements and build on best practice.  
  
The Scottish Government has asked all 32 local authorities through its schools to undertake this census with parents/carers in their local authority area.

The South Lanarkshire Parental Involvement and Engagement Strategy is available at: <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/13457/parents_as_partners_-_strategy_2019>

When and how the survey will take place  
The census will take place online using the SmartSurvey platform which offers many benefits including the secure collection, management, storage and deletion of data. Preparations for the census have been rigorous to satisfy data protection legislation. You can view the Parental Involvement and Engagement Census (PIE) Privacy Notice - South Lanarkshire Council here: [Parental Involvement and Engagement Census (PIE) Privacy Notice - South Lanarkshire Council](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200138/council_and_government/2062/parental_involvement_and_engagement_census_pie_privacy_notice)

The South Lanarkshire Parental Involvement and Engagement Census will take place between **Monday 16 May 2022 and Monday 6 June 2022.**

For questions about the PIE Census, please contact: [parents@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:parents@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)

**Frequently Asked Questions**

# What is the purpose of the Parental Involvement and Engagement (PIE) Census?

The National Action Plan on Parental Engagement as well as the National Improvement Framework require evidence to show that its aims are being delivered.

Surveys capturing aspects of parental involvement and engagement in Scotland are currently delivered by a range of stakeholders, including local authorities, Education Scotland and parental representation bodies such as the National Parent Forum Scotland (NPFS). These are largely stand-alone exercises which does not allow for easy comparisons between different local authorities or to build a coherent national picture. The PIE Census aims to rationalise the collection of Parental Involvement and Engagement data through a set of questions which all local authorities will be invited to ask in their respective areas. This will give us some baseline and comparable data to be used across Scotland and at a local authority level to effect improvements and build on best practice.

# Which parents/carers should complete the PIE Census?

Parents/carers who have children in publicly funded primary and/or secondary schools in Scotland are invited to take part in the census. Questions will focus on the experience with the child/children’s school overall. Therefore, only one questionnaire per household will be issued to parents/carers with more than one child.

# What does the PIE Census ask?

The PIE Census questionnaire is designed to cover the main areas discussed in the National Action Plan on Parental Engagement. These have been condensed to fit the following themes: ‘Parental Engagement’, ‘Parental Involvement’, ‘Learning at home / in the community’ and ‘Family Learning’. The survey has been tested and completion time of the questionnaire is expected to be between 10 and 15 minutes.

# How will parents/carers complete the PIE Census?

Parents will be emailed a link to the census questionnaire provided on the SmartSurvey online platform. Parents will be able to respond either on their personal computers, laptops, smartphones or tablets.

If for any reason a parent/carer is unable to complete the survey on-line you can let us know and we will look at alternative means, including other languages if necessary.

# What is the likely frequency for conducting the PIE Census?

Currently it is thought that the PIE Census will take place once every 2 years.

# How will the information be kept confidential?

Responses to the PIE Census questions will remain confidential to protect all parents/carers, and access to any data would be severely restricted to those on a strict need to know basis.

Schools will not have access to individual level parent/carer data that would identify parents. Where possible, they will see school level results based on grouping together parent/carer responses. For example, an analysis provided to schools may show that 85% of parents/carers within a school reported feeling satisfied with their child’s school, but the school will not know how each individual parent/carer responded to this question.

# Will results from the PIE Census be published?

Yes. Local authorities and schools are encouraged to use the aggregated results from their PIE Census as part of their own evidence to effect improvement and build on existing and shared best practice.

# Links

National Improvement Framework

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/schools/national-improvement-framework/>

National Improvement Framework – Improvement Plan

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/2021-national-improvement-framework-improvement-plan/>

South Lanarkshire Council Education Resources Parental and Involvement Strategy

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/13457/parents_as_partners_-_strategy_2019>