

Directorate for Education Reform

E: nationaldiscussiononeducation@gov.scot

To all Parents and Carers

(To be cascaded via schools)

Dear Parents and Carers,

‘Let’s Talk Scottish Education’ – Our National Discussion

A National Discussion on Scottish Education is taking place. We are inviting everyone with an interest in the future of Scotland’s education system to join in – and we really need to hear from you.

As parents and carers, you play a vital role in your children’s education. The National Discussion is a chance for you to share your hopes and ideas for the future of all aspects of Scottish education, from early years to options for school leavers.

If solutions to global and local challenges are to be found and children’s rights are to be respected, we need to talk about education. This is why a National Discussion about the future of education and the changes required to put this vision into practice is timely and important.

The National Discussion is being run by the Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA) and there are many ways parents and carers can contribute, for example:

- By filling in an [online survey](#)
- By having your own [group discussion](#), perhaps at your school’s next Parent Council meeting
- You can email us your thoughts: nationaldiscussiononeducation@gov.scot
- Finally, you can follow #TalkScottishEducation on social media to keep up with the discussion.

As well as your views, we are keen to hear the views of children and young people. Your child/children may have already had the opportunity to participate in the National

Discussion at school. You could also consider talking to them about the National Discussion at home by using one of these discussion guides with your child/children:

- [Young children \(i.e. learners 3-7 years old\)](#);
- [Children and young people \(i.e. learners 8-14 years old\)](#);
- [Young adults \(i.e learners 15 years and over\)](#).

Parental engagement charity Connect and the National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFs) want to help families be part of the discussion too. You can join their National Discussion Facebook Forum [here](#).

You have until 5th Dec 2022 to take part in the National Discussion and help create a vision for Scottish education for the next 20 years.

You can find further information on the National Discussion here: [National Discussion Scottish Education - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](#)

Thank you for your support.



Professor Alma Harris



Professor Carol Campbell

Co-facilitators of the National Discussion



Website: [Connect.scot](https://connect.scot)
Facebook: [ConnectScot](https://www.facebook.com/ConnectScot)
Twitter: [@Connect_Scot](https://twitter.com/Connect_Scot)



Cheryl Burnett
Chair, National Parent Forum of Scotland



Website: npfs.org.uk
Facebook: [@parentforumscotland](https://www.facebook.com/@parentforumscotland)
Twitter: [@parentforumscot](https://twitter.com/@parentforumscot)