

PARENT/CARER BULLETIN

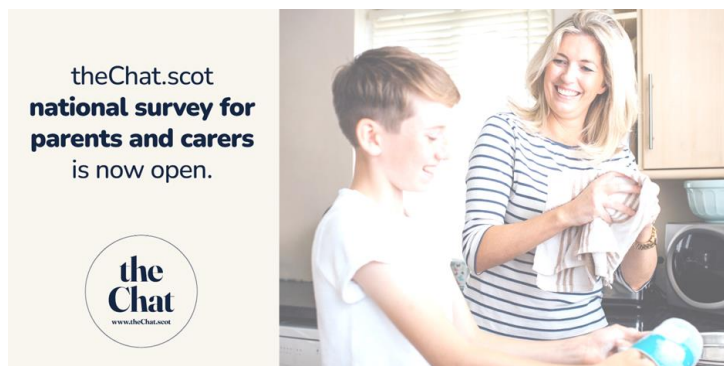
Wednesday 22 May 2024

The Chat

As you may know, there is currently a national survey open for parents and carers from theChat.

theChat is a research project finding out from parents and carers about where, what, when and how children and young people learn about relationships, sexual health and parenthood.

Part one of theChat focused on groups of parents and carers across the country, both in-person and online. The group Chats have led to the development of this national survey which can be found here - [National survey - theChat.scot](https://www.theChat.scot)



The childhood and teenage years are important in how we support our children to become the kind of young adults we want them to be. When it comes to learning about relationships, their bodies, or issues like consent or sexual health, what do you want your child to know or understand or be able to do?

The survey is open until 31 May to all parents and carers in Scotland.

Anti-Bullying Policy

We are currently reviewing our Anti Bullying Policy in Midlothian and I'm really keen to ensure that parents and carers are involved and that we gather your thoughts and opinions on this work. We will be holding a focus group on **Wednesday 29 May, 6.30-8.30pm at Lasswade High School**. This is open to all parents and carers of primary and secondary learners.

If you are interested in coming along and taking part, please complete this short Google form to reserve your space - <https://forms.gle/A5k6dKvRkSRjbX1o9>

Cost of the School Day

I'm holding an online session with parents and carers around the cost of the school day. This includes topics such as school uniform, transport costs, school trips, eating at school, school clubs and home learning. It is my hope that our discussions will lead to us creating a group who can meaningfully look at the issues our families are facing and address them.

It's important that we do this and understand costs we can support families and prevent any stress or anxiety. We want to remove financial barriers to participation, making everyone feel included and support health and wellbeing of all. Our learners should feel included in all aspects of school life and feel safe and included in the school community.

This session will be held on **Monday 10 June, 7.00-8.30pm** and is open to all parents and carers who have learners in any of our primary or secondary schools. To take part, please follow this Teams link to the meeting:

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

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Meeting ID: 367 495 141 667

Passcode: Ys7Gpc

Contact

As Parent and Learner Liaison Officer, I support our schools and parents and carers to be meaningfully involved and engaged in their child's learning and school community. This happens in a variety of ways and I'm always keen to connect with you to offer any help or support you may find useful.

You can contact me by emailing the Parental Engagement mailbox – parentalengagement@midlothian.gov.uk or by calling 07464 061726.

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