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Getting it right for every child: keeping parents informed

As you will be aware, the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 will put parts of the Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC) approach on a statutory footing from August 2016.

To support the legislation, we recently produced detailed guidance and are currently in the middle of a 12-week consultation, aimed primarily at gathering the views of senior officers in children's services. The consultation ends on 1 May 2015.

In the meantime, we are keen to keep parents abreast of what we are doing and to that end, we have produced a short leaflet, telling them about the consultation, inviting them to get involved if they wish and letting them know a bit more about GIRFEC and the Act.

The leaflet is available as a pdf on our website – please feel free to distribute the link as appropriate. If you are able to add the link to your own networks, that would be much appreciated (bearing in mind the consultation ends on 1 May 2015).

Link to leaflet pdf: <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0046/00469648.pdf>

In addition, I am aware that more and more schools are communicating electronically with parents. If you are able to send on this paragraph along with the link, I would be more than happy for it to be included in any e-newsletters sent out from schools.

Getting it right for every child - update

The Scottish Government is currently consulting on detailed guidance that supports parts of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. This Act is a new law that will give children, young people and their families extra support and will encourage everyone to talk about children's wellbeing using the same words. The consultation on the guidance is due to run until 1 May. It is mainly aimed at the people who support your child – including parents' organisations – but individual parents are welcome to get involved if they wish. You can take part in the consultation via this link: <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/02/1851>

There is also a leaflet on the Scottish Government's website with more information:
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0046/00469648.pdf>

We are planning further information and communications with parents over the next year running up to implementation of the GIRFEC provisions of the Act and we will let you know about these in due course.

Many thanks in advance for your help with getting this message out to parents.

Yours faithfully

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