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# Parental Engagement Survey

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# Parental Engagement Survey 2021/2022

- ▶ Drivers: The National Action Plan on Parental Engagement / National Improvement Framework
  - ▶ improvement at a local level
  - ▶ monitor progress at a national level.
- ▶ Will take place every 2 years
- ▶ Timescale Jan 22 – April 22

***Parents and carers are  
by far the most  
important influence on  
children's lives.***

# Key messages at a national level 2019

- ▶ Review and strengthen statutory guidance relating to the 2006 Scottish Schools Parental Involvement Act.
- ▶ Continue to refresh the content of Education Scotland's ParentZone Scotland website

# Key messages at a local level 2019

## Key strengths

- ▶ Schools are seen to be approachable
- ▶ The way school staff respond to issues
- ▶ School communication to parents
- ▶ Schools keep parents well informed
- ▶ Parents know what their child is learning at school

## Next steps

- ▶ Improve approaches to involving parents in decisions and strategies
- ▶ Develop approaches to involving fathers
- ▶ Continue to enhance ways for secondary schools to involve and support parents' engagement in learning

# What does the 2022 survey ask?

Welcome and approachability

Communication about learning and progress

Communication generally

Seeking views and taking them into account

Support to understand children's rights

Opportunities to volunteer

Parent council

Family Learning

# How will parents/carers complete the Survey?

- ▶ Parents will be sent a link to the survey questionnaire online. This will be administered by local authorities, rather than schools themselves.
- ▶ Parents will be able to respond on any type of device.
- ▶ An option for paper completion will be provided where necessary.



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# United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

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# Timeline of human rights in Scotland

Convention on the Rights of the Child is developed by the UN.

November  
1989



Scottish Youth Parliament is launched.

June  
1999



Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announces plans to incorporate the UNCRC into Scottish law.

April  
2019



December  
1991

UNCRC is ratified by the UK government.



October  
2017

A group of Scottish Youth MPs launch the youth-led *Right Here Right Now* campaign, calling for children's rights to be incorporated into domestic law.



March  
2021

Scottish Parliament unanimously votes to incorporate the UNCRC into Scottish law.





# What is the UNCRC?

54 Articles:

3 themes -

**Provision**  
**Protection**  
**Participation**

The United Nations  
Convention on the  
Rights of the Child



Universal  
Unconditional  
Inalienable  
Inherent  
Indivisible



# General Principles

## **Article 2 – without discrimination**

The convention applies to EVERYONE.

## **Article 3 – best interests of the child**

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children

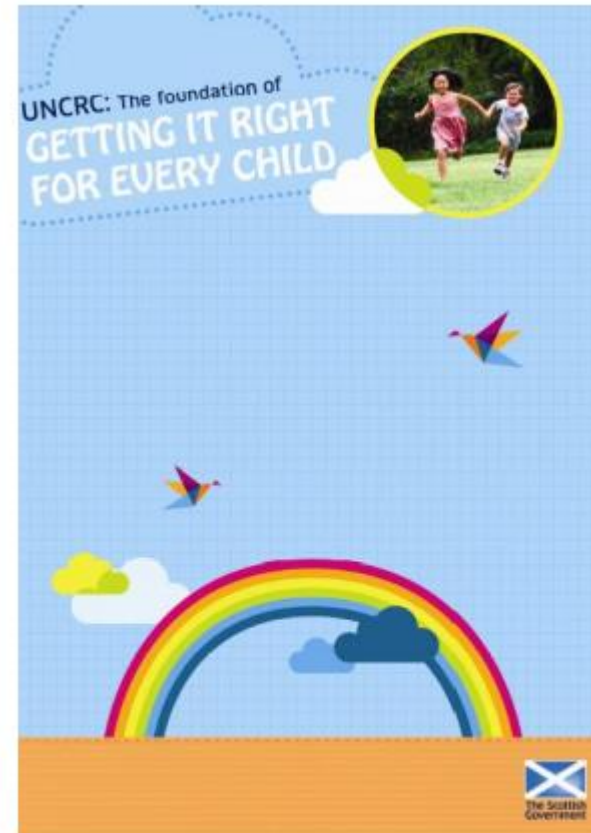
## **Article 6 – survival and development**

Every child has the right to life.

## **Article 12 – respect for the views of the child**

Every child has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously

# UNCRC Articles and the Wellbeing Indicators



*UNCRC: The Foundation of Getting it Right for Every Child*

# UNCRC Incorporation Bill – November 2021



**Children's rights will be brought into Scots law.**

Public authorities must not act in a way that's incompatible with the UNCRC requirements.

Courts will have powers to decide if legislation is compatible with the UNCRC requirements.

Scottish Government can change laws to make sure they are compatible with the UNCRC requirements

The Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland and Scottish Human Rights Commission will have powers to take legal action to protect children's rights.

Scottish Government must publish a Children's Rights Scheme to show how it is meeting UNCRC requirements and explain their future plans to progress children's rights.

Scottish Government must review how the Children's Rights Scheme is working each year.

Other authorities listed in the Bill must report every three years on what they are doing to meet the UNCRC requirements.

# Breakout discussion

10 mins

- ▶ **What information or support might parents need to help them to engage with their children about their rights?**
- ▶ **What role could Parent Councils have in supporting schools to raise awareness of children's rights?**