

Dear Ms Cameron

Thank you for your email. I note Loanhead Primary Parent School Council's concern. Accordingly I would wish to reassure the Parent School Council that arrangements are already in place to avoid loss of school days as you have referred to. I would confirm that East Ayrshire Council now determines required In-Service School days, where pupils are already on holiday as a result, to coincide with all planned elections in advance as part of the Cabinet's annual decision on school holidays. This avoids pupils being absent additional days due to elections. The planned elections covered are the UK Parliamentary election, Scottish Parliamentary election. European Election and the Local Government Elections.

A full review of Polling Places is scheduled to be carried out in 2018 (there are no scheduled elections in that year) and whilst I have advised you of the arrangement that is in place and is already reducing the loss of school attendance days, for completeness, I have passed your email on to the Council's Election Team to make them aware of your Parent School Council's concern.

Yours Sincerely

Bill Walkinshaw  
Head Of Democratic Services