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TO ALL PARENTS

Dear Parents,

SGOIL A' BHAC PARENT COUNCIL

Many of you will be aware that Curriculum for Excellence promotes positive partnerships with a range of people for the benefit of the children in school. Such partnerships add to the wider life of the school and are a huge support to both teaching staff and pupils alike. Whilst we look outwardly to the local community to work with the school in partnership on a number of projects, themes and events, undoubtedly the most important partnerships we have are with you our parent body.

The Parent Council of Sgoil a' Bhac has for many years added enormously to the life and work of the school. Through significant fundraising efforts it has raised money for projects such as the refurbishment of the library and foyer, some improvements to our school grounds, and ICT and sound equipment to name but a few things. The Parent Council has also assisted in funding, year on year Achievers Awards and also P7 Leavers Awards for the School Prizegiving, and has supported school trips away to the mainland such as the annual P7 trip. Its existence has been at the heart of fundraising for the school and its varying needs from year to year.

I write at this time in the knowledge that the Parent Council is due to hold its Annual General Meeting on **Thursday 12th September 2024 at 7:30pm**. As Head Teacher, my place on the Parent Council is to advise and inform in terms of educational matters. Members of school and nursery staff also attend Parent Council meetings and lend their support in as many ways as they can. At the start of a new session, we would once again encourage any of our parents to come along and get involved in the life of the school through Parent Council activities. As some members have left we would be delighted to see new parents joining.

Our number one priority is to have enough people willing to commit to the Parent Council for one year. The commitment is one meeting per term and we have space for no fewer than three parents and no more than twelve parents. In the event of more than 12 parents expressing interest in standing on the Parent Council an election will be held thereafter. In the event of less than 12 parents expressing interest in standing on the Parent Council those parents who do express a willingness to stand will automatically be admitted to the Parent Council. With a large school and Sgoil Araich roll, I remain optimistic that there are those who are willing to come forward and engage with the school in this way.

In order to gauge interest of those who are willing to stand on the Parent Council and to be involved in this way I attach a link to a Microsoft Form (Link Below) and I would ask all parents to complete this form and submit it to the school **by 5:00pm on Thursday 5th September 2024**. The approximate length of time to complete this form is 2 minutes.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Cd4j7PvuTX>

I hope that all parents of pupils in both the primary school and the nursery will give this matter careful consideration over the coming days.

Leis gach durachd,

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Head Teacher

