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Dear Parent/ Carer

Aberdeenshire Education and Children's Services -The Big Conversation

As many of you may recall our Director of Education and Children's Services, Maria Walker, wrote to you before the summer holidays introducing "The Big Conversation". This is an Aberdeenshire ECS wide engagement exercise that asks all Head Teachers and Service Managers to identify how well we are engaging with you. This will inform the development of an Aberdeenshire Parents Charter to make clear what you can expect from us as a service and what we will ask from you to support your child and their learning. In addition, a refreshed Parental Engagement Strategy will be written.

Schools have been asked to use both the regular, planned times when parents are in school and any informal opportunities to engage in the conversation and we will use these as the school session progresses. We will also continue to use the various surveys, focus groups and Parent Council discussions that we already use to engage in discussion. A starting point for all parents is the Aberdeenshire survey which can be accessed at the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CQ8B78Y> This link will be open until late September.

Thank you for your help in this.

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher