



Calderwood Lodge Primary School  
Parent Council

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28th February 2011

Dear Parent,

With reference to the letter you have just received from East Renfrewshire Council intimating that they will be taking over responsibility for Jewish Education from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011, the Parent Council are delighted to confirm that we believe this outstanding offer will bring about huge benefits to our children's Jewish education and will ensure the provision of Jewish education at the school and its long term viability.

We appreciate the amount of time and effort that John Wilson, the Director of Education, and his team and our Head Teacher, Mrs Thomson, have given to our school in recent months to bring this about. The commitment of East Renfrewshire Council to Calderwood Lodge over many years has been superb. They are dedicated to this school and are determined that Calderwood and our children have the best possible opportunities.

As the Director has intimated an advisory body will now be established to offer guidance and advice to Mrs Thomson and Mr Wilson on matters relating to the Jewish and Hebrew curriculum and ethos. The Parent Council have secured five places on this body for parent representation out of a total number of ten – one will be a Parent Council Representative and four will be elected from the Parent Forum.

Please indicate at the bottom of this letter if you would like to put your name forward. If we have more than four parents wanting to be involved we will hold elections in the very near future.

The Parent Council have facilitated and secured the appointment of Clive Lawton as a personal consultant on Jewish education to our Head Teacher, Mrs Thomson. This will be on an ad hoc basis as required by Mrs Thomson. Clive Lawton is undoubtedly a leading expert on Jewish education within the UK and we believe that his involvement in Calderwood will be very significant. He was previously Head Teacher of King David High School in Liverpool and was also Deputy Director of Liverpool Education Authority. He was the founder and driving force of Limmud and has consulted widely on Jewish school development and has chaired research into the quality of Jewish education under the auspices of London University's Institute of Education. Clive will also have a place on the advisory body.

We can confirm that from 1<sup>st</sup> April parents will **no longer** be required to pay contributions to CJE for Jewish education at the school, as East Renfrewshire Council will assume all responsibility for Jewish education from this date and for promoting Jewish ethos in the school.

We know that our school will go from strength to strength under Mrs Thomson's excellent leadership and we look forward to a very exciting future.

If any parent has any questions please contact Parent Council members personally or visit the school website and leave a message within the Parent Council section and we will get back to you.

Yours sincerely

Tony Tankel  
Chair Parent Council

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Please tear off and return to the school by Tuesday 15th March 2011

I would like to put my name forward for the advisory body on Jewish education.

Name.....

Phone Number.....

Email Address.....

Child's name and class.....