

Renfrewshire Parent Council Forum – Campaign Action Plan

		Action	
February	w/c 7th	<p>E-mail ‘bombardment’</p> <p>Letter writing campaign</p>	<p>A standard e-mail template is distributed and all parents are encouraged to send it to ALL 40 Councillors. The template is below. It calls on all Councillors to support the suspension of Council Standing Orders to allow the attached motion, to suspend the implementation of the Revised Model proposal, to be discussed.</p> <p>An aggressive letter (e-mail) writing campaign is undertaken by parents/RPCF members. This should target local and national media.</p>
	17th	Lobby of full Council – Renfrewshire House 9.00am	Council meeting starts at 9.30am. Labour will move the suspension of Standing Orders.
	19th	March and rally – Paisley (Details to be confirmed)	Large, parent- and teacher-led, community-based demonstration. Regardless of how the Council meeting on 17 th goes there is a need to rally support to oppose the education cuts
March		Take the campaign national and political	<p>Contact leading politicians of all parties. Lobby national organisations – e.g. GTCS, HMIE, COSLA, Children’s Commissioner, ESEP, etc., etc.</p> <p>RPCF formulates plan to oppose introduction of pilots.</p>
April		4 Pilot schools – campaign of direct action	Implement the most appropriate parent (and teacher) response if the pilots go ahead.

		Lobby MSP candidates	Hold all candidates in the Scottish Parliament elections to account. Get parents to e-mail them a set of standard questions on their position on education
	Tbc	Paisley South – Council by-election	Ensure the by-election becomes a referendum on the Council’s education proposals.
	30th	March and Rally	The Saturday before the Scottish Parliament elections. A march to a rally at Barshaw Park, speakers, etc., but also fun day for the kids, bands playing, etc.
May	5 th	5th Scottish Parliament elections	

E-mail to all Councillors

Dear Councillor

I urge you to support the suspension of the Council’s Standing Orders at the meeting of the full Council to be held on 17 February in order that the Council can consider the following motion:

“That the Council notes:

- (i) that the Education Policy Board of 13 January approved, by 10 votes to 8, the proposals for a Revised Model for the Delivery of Primary Education;
- (ii) that there has been widespread concern regarding the proposal among parents, head teachers, teachers, churches, unions and many others; and
- (iii) that the information meetings conducted by the Convenor of the Education Policy Board, the Director of Education and his staff, subsequent to 13 January, have singularly failed to convince parents (and teachers) of the merits of the proposal.

Accordingly, the Council agrees:

1. To suspend the introduction of the Revised Model for the Delivery for Primary Education until such times as a proper and meaningful consultation can be undertaken with parents, head teachers, teachers, churches, unions, the General Teaching Council for Scotland, and other interested parties.
2. That senior officers are instructed to arrange an early meeting with representatives of the recently formed Renfrewshire Parent Council Forum, as the independent voice for Parent Councils across Renfrewshire, with a view to considering:
 - a. arrangements for the meaningful and comprehensive consultation with parents regarding the Council's proposal; and
 - b. opportunities and suggestions which may give rise to substantial savings and efficiencies within the Council, in general, and the functions of the education department, in particular."