

August 2020

## Parent Club

Parent Club have launched a new  
**Back to School Campaign**

For information, practical advice and tips for the next few weeks visit

👉 [www.parentclub.scot/startback](http://www.parentclub.scot/startback)

A **series of short films by expert voices** have also been shared on the website. Click on the links below to access the films.

Are you worried that your child has missed out on learning during lockdown? In this short film, [Dr Janet Goodall](#) from the Learning Foundation explains there's no such thing as 'lost learning' and that children have been learning all the time during this strange situation.

Early Years Psychologist [James McTaggart](#) shares tips on how you can help children cope with going back to school and support their wellbeing.

What's the best way to help your child as they return to school? In this short film, secondary school teacher [Chris Smith](#) has lots of great practical advice, including how to manage that tricky transition from P7 to S1.

 the National Parent  
Forum of Scotland

NPFS have produced *Back to School Guidance* for parents and carers – providing simple and clear information.

<https://www.npfs.org.uk/2020/07/23/back-to-school-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

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supporting partnerships in education

### Connect's Online Information Sessions for Parents and Parent Groups

#### Welcoming New Families

**18 August 2pm or 8pm**

It's never been more important to extend a warm welcome to new families in your school community - parent groups and existing parents have an important role to play in this.

<https://connect.scot/events/welcoming-new-families-18-august-online>

#### Online Meetings and AGMs

**25 August 2pm or 8pm**

It's unlikely you'll be able to meet face-to-face anytime soon, so brush up your online meeting skills by joining our free online Information Session, *Running Effective Meetings and AGMs Online*.

<https://connect.scot/events/running-effective-meetings-and-agms-25-august-online>

### Connect's Parent Survey – Next Steps (Back to School)

Nearly 8000 parents took part in **Connect's** second parent/carer lockdown survey, *Next Steps (Back to School) and How are you Doing Now?*

**Connect** survey parents so the right kinds of help, information and advice can be provided to support families. Parents' voices must be heard, so that children's needs can be met.

The report can be found at <https://connect.scot/news/connect-report-our-second-parentcarer-lockdown-survey-findings> and will support schools to consider how best to support families with any future challenges of 'blended learning' and lockdowns.