

24th June 2024

Dear Cedarbank Parent / Carer,

Please hold / note the dates. Based on your feedback, the parent council have organised various sessions from September to November 2024.

Please come along to all the sessions you would find useful and especially the parent council face to face meeting on the **10th of September**.

On your request, we have been working with **Carers of West Lothian (CoWL)** and have organised a benefits session, a transitions session and guardianship session for Cedarbank parents and carers. Anyone can join Carers of West Lothian (please see in the attachment in the email for the self-referral form). Also here is a link for the ILF Fund - [Transition Fund | ILF Scotland](#)

September 5th 6-7- Online **Benefits session** - from the Advice Shop and CoWL. Find out about benefits available for your young person and ask questions. (link nearer the time)

September 10th 6-7pm - **Face to face at Cedarbank school – Parent council meeting and AGM.** Please come along, we need as many parents and carers to attend as possible. Refreshments and Childcare will be provided from 5.45pm.

(We are looking for a new Chair of the parent council from September 2024 to enable us keep the charity going, if you are interested please contact Carol Evans via the school for more information on what's involved.)

September 25th – Howden Park Centre – CoWL Transition - Event with multiple providers.

October 23rd – 5.30-6.30 **Face to face at Cedarbank school – Parent council Transitions Session with CoWL.** A chance to ask specific transition questions

November 13th (to be confirmed) - 2.15-3.15 - Face to face at Cedarbank school: Guardianship, information session with Caesar Howie and CoWL. Find out about Guardianship, what you need to do, timing of guardianship and implications if you don't have it. A chance to ask questions.

December – Friday morning (6th December – 1pm) – Joint School and parent council Christmas Fair
Parent Council Update

Thank you to all who attended and took part in the Parent Council fun day on the 7th June. The sun shone, we got outside, had races and even some disco and party dances. Hopefully fun had by all.

We have been fund raising and managed to obtain the John Watson grant for a second year. This provides £1600 for 4 coach trips for the school. We are waiting to hear about a £20,000 application for places at the Larder. Morrisons provided the teas and coffee for the June fun day. Marcia Edwards, our Parent Council fund raiser is looking at other funding we can apply for.

In addition to a new chair of the parent council, we are looking for a wellbeing member of the parent council to help organise around 3 school wellbeing sessions over the year. We are looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible (S1-S6) at the parent council meeting on the 10th September.