

Dear Parent or Carer

**Climate Change protest, 20 September 2019**

The Education Committee voted, on 16 August, to allow pupils to participate in one Climate Change protest during session 2019-20 which will be categorised as an authorised absence. This will be for the next protest which is scheduled to take place on Friday 20 September 2019.

Edinburgh schools will be open and operating normally on 20 September. Pupils who wish to participate in the Climate Change protest and who are not at school on that morning will be marked as an authorised absence if their parent/carer has written to confirm their absence in advance and accept responsibility for their safety.

If your child wishes to participate please write to your school in advance to confirm they have your permission to participate and that you will be responsible for your child during their absence, otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please note that any further absence to participate in similar protests during session 2019-20 will be marked as unauthorised. Advance potential notice from parents/carers will still be required in these instances and there will be no punitive action taken.

If you have any questions, please speak to your Head Teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards



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