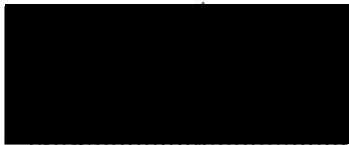


MOTION TO EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL
30th October 2018

Primary 1 Testing

That the Council believes that although good-quality pupil assessment is an essential component of the drive to raise educational standards in Scotland's schools, it acknowledges the will of the recent Parliamentary vote; notes the level of concern which has been raised by teachers, education professionals, parents and MSPs regarding the introduction and delivery of new testing arrangements for Primary 1 pupils; acknowledges that although formal, standardised testing is essential in Primary 4 and Primary 7, it should not happen in Primary 1 where it cannot deliver the same meaningful results; considers the Scottish Parliamentary vote against this testing in Primary 1 and the subsequent will of MSPs who questioned, based on clear and concise evidence, as to whether the new Primary 1 tests are in line with the play-based learning philosophy of the early years provision in the curriculum for excellence; urges councillors to call on the Scottish Government to heed the will of the majority of MSPs and halt the Primary 1 tests which have been condemned by teachers and parents alike, and to subsequently reconsider the evidence as well as its entire approach to evaluating the progress of Primary 1 pupils.

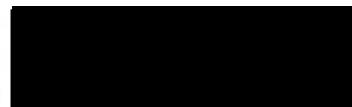
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