



## Bathgate Academy Parent Council

### Chair's Annual Report 2020/21

What another extraordinary school year we have come through. Teachers, pupils, parents and staff had to show extreme resilience in meeting the demands of the SQA's alternative certification model for senior school exam diet for the 2021 assessments, coupled with yet another lockdown period where pupils, parents and teachers were remote learning.

The weekly updates from our Head Teacher throughout the year kept parent/carers informed about school events and progress towards a full pupil return to school.

We also had to say goodbye to our head teacher Grant Abbot who for ten years had made many improvements to the school under his headship. Grant took up a new post as Head Teacher at Linlithgow Academy and we wish him well in all his future endeavours.

Subsequently, Eileen Paxton, Senior Depute Head Teacher at Inveralmond High School was selected by the Local Authority and took over as Acting Head Teacher with effect from the start of the new school term in August 2021.

This year we refreshed our Backup Your Child poster that will be issued to all West Lothian schools and next year we will refresh our Parent Involvement Matters Video with help from the school, pupils and parents as this was created in 2018.

Our Parent Council will also be involved in the selection process of a permanent Head Teacher post with hopefully an appointment being made on 22 November 2021.

We will continue as a parent council to review current guidelines around covid-19 and its implications to our pupils, teachers and school.

I would like to thank the support provided from parents, teachers, pupils and the local community over the past 12 months; with everyone working together we were able to complete another school year in these uncertain challenging times.

Lastly, I am more than happy to continue as chair over the school term 2021/2022.