



## **WEST LoTHIAN CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST COUNCIL GROUP**

**Full Council**

**20 November 2018**

### **Motion to Cease P1 Testing**

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That the Council believes 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 and 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.

Following the vote by Holyrood, John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills has ordered for an independent review on P1 testing to report back in May.

Therefore West Lothian Council are to suspend P1 testing with immediate effect until the independent review is completed and direction is given by the Scottish Government.

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