



PARENT INTERVIEW COMMUNITY ACTION ACTIVITY

TELL YOUR LOCAL MP WHETHER YOUR PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS SUPPORT TEACHERS & PRINCIPALS

The objective of this action is to take a message to the people who can make a difference, MP's, from the people they will listen to, their voters.

So we are aiming to take the voice of parents, expressing their views on our issues, to your local MP.

We are suggesting you interview parents with one/two short questions and send the 'results' to your local MP – either as a short 30-60 video, or written results of your 'survey'.

ACTIVITY

1. INTERVIEW PARENTS AT THE SCHOOL GATE

- Decide whether you would like to make a video or run the activity as a survey.
- Ensure you have the things you need:
 - Video: A video camera (phone camera will do!) and someone who can operate it. Editing isn't necessary if you make sure you record in a single take; and a smart phone's in-built video editor will let you cut unnecessary bits out without too much technical knowledge needed. Have a practice first if you haven't done it before!
 - An interviewer, or more than one interviewer if it is a survey.
 - Survey: Clipboards/hard-cover book(s) to record results. How many parents will you canvas?
 - The questions. *See our suggestions on the following page.*

2. SEND THE RESULTS TO YOUR LOCAL MP

We suggest you post any videos or a summary of the results onto their Facebook page. Keep it short to grab their attention. Videos are most watched if they are 30-60 seconds. Try to keep your summary of survey results to a few sentences.



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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