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**Falkirk Council**

*Children's Services*

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MS Elizabeth Thomson,  
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Dear Ms Thomson,

### **Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 School climate strikes & the Friday for future movement**

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request on the above matter. I am now in a position to provide you with the following response:

- 1. The position of your local authority towards climate strikes and authorised/unauthorised absences from school in order to attend any Friday climate strikes, as of the date you respond to this request.**

Recorded as authorised if the parent/carer contacts the school to notify their child/young person is participating.

- 2. Confirmation of whether climate strikers will be recorded as authorised or unauthorised absences by schools in your Local Authority area, and whether any punitive action will be taken against pupils or schools for involvement in climate strikes.**

Falkirk Council will record pupils who take part in climate strike as 'authorised'.

- 3. Details of any changes to the position or policy towards climate strike actions and authorised/unauthorised absences in your Local Authority during 2019.**

No change.

- 4. Copies of any letters that your Local Authority has sent to schools or to all parents/carers in your authority area during 2019, that relate to climate strikes or the Fridays for Future Movement.**

See attached.

I enclose for your information a leaflet detailing your right to complain if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled.

Yours sincerely,

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