

EIS Edinburgh Demands



We are asking Edinburgh Councillors to pledge their support for our schools

We Demand:

- An increase in the number of teachers in all sectors on **permanent contracts**, and for all schools to receive an increase in their teaching staff allocations (a minimum of 1FTE per school, with more in larger schools).
- Improvements to **funding given directly to schools**, to enable proper collegiate planning to meet the needs of their pupils, and guarantees that monies will not, later, be clawed back from schools.
- Proper **resourcing to support mental health and wellbeing for pupils and staff**, including proper recognition of the impact of the pandemic, a reduction in unrealistic demands being made on schools, and increased numbers of school counsellors and other mental health experts working across the city. Also, **an increase in non-contact time for those teachers involved in pastoral support**, to enable more effective liaison with outside agencies, and to help them to work well with families.
- **Improvements in ICT provision** to address inequalities across the city, including increased numbers of ICT technicians, and having **dedicated technical support in primary and special schools**. Also, more equitable provision of wifi and associated infrastructure, and better support for families to enable them to help their children with their learning.
- **Urgent action to improve the recruitment and retention of PSAs**, to increase their numbers across all sectors and, in particular, to increase the numbers of PSAs with permanent contracts.
- **Increases in the numbers of specialist teachers and support staff working in schools**, and in peripatetic teams working to support pupils right across Edinburgh. This should include EAL and other ASN teachers, Educational Psychologists, business managers, admin support staff and others.

Contact candidates to demand they support Edinburgh's schools!

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