**Proposal for Parent Council Funds**

**Modern Language Tutors**

**(01 September 2016)**

Bruntsfield Primary School has engaged in a 1+2 policy for foreign language teaching. Under the current model, this translates to P1-7 children learning French and P5-7 children learning German too. The school is now into Year 2 of the project.

The school has set up *Bruntsfield Primary School’s Foreign Language Teaching Committee* made up of parents, teachers and the management team.

At our meeting on Wednesday 31 August 2016, the committee agreed to coordinate learning and teaching from class teachers with volunteer parents and carers who are native speakers of French and German. We shall seek the support and help of bilingual parents and encourage them to join the children in classes and supplement language teaching. Parents and carers will be invited to promote interactions in their native language, to make suggestions about culturally and linguistically appropriate activities, to donate books, DVDs, and other language materials.

The school also involves bilingual children, building on their knowledge of their native language and culture. The school will continue to work with Cluster Schools and City of Edinburgh Modern Language Leaders. Furthermore, the school will continue to explore French and German language resources, particularly online resources available at the French Institute (<http://www.ifecosse.org.uk/>) and Goethe Institute (<https://www.goethe.de/en/index.html>). These sites provide many useful links to free online materials, including reading suggestions, cultural events and even lesson plans.

In addition to class teachers teaching French and German, **we would like to propose that language learning and teaching is enhanced by hired language tutors** to support learning outcomes**.** This will improve children’s language skills and further promote their interest in foreign languages and cultures.

Class teachers will be present during tutoring and in charge of the class.

We strongly believe that **this proposal is a good investment for Parent Council Funds and it is supported by** *Bruntsfield Primary School’s Foreign Language Teaching Committee* and school staff*.*

The proposal builds on a model with:

* a budget of around £3300 per term (10 weeks per term)
* four language tutors (1 German tutor and 3 French tutors)
* 30 minutes per week of French support for P1-P7 classes plus
* 30 minutes per week of German support for P5-P7 classes.

Please see details of costs etc. on the following page.

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* 1 German tutor for P5-P7 (8 classes at 30 minutes each gives 4 hours, plus 2 hours preparation time: total 6 hours)
* 1 French tutor for P1-P2 (6 classes at 30 minutes each gives 3 hours, plus 2 hours preparation time: total 5 hours)
* 1 French tutor for P3-P4 (6 classes at 30 minutes each gives 3 hours, plus 2 hours preparation time: total 5 hours)
* 1 French tutor for P5-P7 (8 classes at 30 minutes each gives 4 hours, plus 2 hours preparation time: total 6 hours)

**Giving an overall total of: 22 hours**

This model is priced on four tutors at £15 per hour totaling 22 hours per week, for 10 weeks.

It may be possible to find candidates amongst university students from the languages department.

I would also like to suggest this pilot is organised, led and monitored by *Bruntsfield Primary School’s Foreign Language Teaching Committee.*

Sincerely,

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on behalf of *Bruntsfield Primary School’s Foreign Language Teaching Committee*

01 September 2016

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