

Social Media Platforms

Following Moray Council policy, Bishopmill Primary adopts Twitter as a social media platform to help communicate with parent/carers and the community.

The Twitter page has key reminders, local community groups and events as well as sharing information from all the classes at Bishopmill Primary School. This year teachers will have their own Twitter page sharing pupil activities, school successes, reminders and information

about important events. Information to follow class Twitter pages are available on newsletters, the school website, the school twitter page or by searching through Twitter. These are updated on a weekly basis. Follow the school Twitter page at **@Bmill_primary**



Other Forms of Communication and Summary



Currently, the school has a **messaging service** where we can send information to parents/carers via email, text message or by telephone.

Any notifications of **first aid/medical interventions** are sent home with a pupil if they have received support. Parents/carers will be contacted by **phone/text** if it is felt appropriate.

Recently updated after parental/carer feedback, **Pupil Reports** give parents/carers an overview of their child's progression. Completed yearly, they work in collaboration with our **Parents Evening's** which are offered twice yearly.

Bishopmill Primary operates an **Open Door Policy** for parents/carers. The purpose of our Open Door Policy is to encourage open communication, feedback and discussion.

We value the input parents make to the school. If you have any worries or concerns about your child's education, then we believe that it is far better that you come into school and discuss them. Please contact reception to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Parents and carers are invited yearly to view their child's class/year **assembly**. Furthermore parents are encouraged to participate or watch in many **events** including, Health Week, After Schools Clubs, Drama Productions, Art Exhibition, Sports Days, Fayres, etc.

Parents/Carers are invited to class **Open Learning Sessions** to allow pupils to showcase their work. In addition, the school hold an annual **Curriculum Evening** to share practise with parents/carers in relation to Curriculum for Excellence.

Every year Bishopmill Primary publishes an annual report on progress towards meeting both national priorities and local improvement objectives (**Standards and Quality Report**). This report celebrates achievements for the school community and also identifies areas for improvement.

Complaints

If you are unhappy about something in school please contact the Head Teacher in the first instance who will investigate your complaint.

- Pupil Report Cards
- Open Afternoons
- Open Door Policy
- Assemblies
- Leaflets
- Parents Evenings
- Social Media
- School Website
- Parent Council
- Parent/Teacher Forum
- Newsletters/Letters
- Events/Shows
- Art Exhibition
- Standards and Quality Report.
- Curriculum Evening
- Tours for prospective parents/carers
- Messaging/ Telephone
- Local Media



Bishopmill
Primary School



Information leaflet for

Communication

at Bishopmill Primary School



getting
it right
for every child

Dream - Achieve - Respect - Succeed

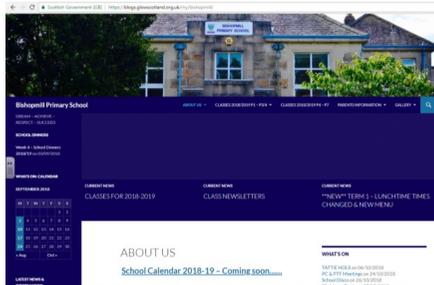
ACHIEVEMENT — COOPERATION — OUTSTANDING BEHAVIOUR — RESPECT — NEW BEGINNING



Bishopmill Primary School prides itself on the wide variety of ways it communicates with parents, carers and the local community. The school values the levels of support it receives from parents throughout the school year and the feedback given which is always evaluated and acted upon where appropriate. It is through the strong parent partnership, that the school consults the community with new ideas, issues or concerns it may have, which may directly affect groups of pupils or all of the pupils and staff. The school has a number of communication platforms that help to keep parents and staff up to date.

School Website

Over recent years, the school website has continued to grow in size and contains a wide variety of information from school policies to important dates to school newsletters. It is a good source of information to see what is happening at Bishopmill Primary School during the school year.



<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/bishopmill/>

Media

We regularly communicate our successes through local media to share our successes with our local community.

Parent Forum

If you are the parent or carer of a child at Bishopmill Primary School, you are a member of the Parent Forum. The Parent Forum is represented in the school by two groups, the Parent Council (PC) and the Parent Teacher Forum (PTF).

The Parent Teacher Forum seeks to raise funds for a variety of projects in the school by organising events such as the school disco, ceilidh and social functions for parents/carers.

The Parent Council generally discusses school policies, both local and national, and their application within the school. They aim to represent the views of all parents / carers whilst being a voice to inform our school of the needs of children and families and help to drive forward school improvement.

Both facilitates communication between parents/carers, staff and the community. The forum works to provide feedback on provision, offer a parent's perspective on current policy, practice and input into decision making and planning for future provision. These are communicated in a variety of ways including letters, website, social media (Facebook) and text.

Newsletters

School newsletters are sent to parents/carers on a monthly or every two months basis. Information addresses any school concerns raised by staff or parents, new initiatives being trialled, reminders about future dates and events or celebratory news.

Class newsletters are sent out to parents/carers each term. Information may contain a recap of the previous term, a curriculum overview for the term, homework, classroom news and future dates.

Letters

Letters are sent out as necessary throughout the year by class teachers, the leadership team or the school office to inform parents of events, such as school trips, parent workshops or new initiatives that require parents to have more detail. Sometimes letters will ask parents to respond or give permission for their child to participate which allows the school to make necessary arrangements. Letters are sent out via email if a parent/carers have requested this or by paper form.

Leaflets

At our reception area and Early Years entrance we have a range of information leaflets for our school community about various aspects of the school. These include Additional Support Needs, Child Protection, Communication, Learning and Teaching and many more. This suite of leaflets is a vital part of family learning.

BISHOPMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
August / September 2018
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/bishopmill/>
https://twitter.com/Bmill_primary

Dear Parent/Carer

A very warm welcome back to you all. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

We are pleased to report that all our pupils have settled into school extremely well and appear happy to return to Bishopmill after their summer holiday. A warm welcome to our new members of staff too.

Please note the following important dates for your diaries:

13 August	Interleave
14 August	Term commenced
22 August	P1 parents information evening 6.00pm (info in letter issued in May)
	6PM AGM Parents Council and Parent Teacher Forum meeting follows
27-28 August	P7S trip to Altnacreech
28-31 August	P7C trip to Altnacreech
26 September	Parent Interviews and Bookfair
27 September	Parents Interview and Bookfair
29 September	Bookfair

INSERVICE TRAINING 13 AUGUST

At our recent in-service the following topics were discussed / revisited

- Our new school improvement plan and standards and quality report
- Important information from the Council and Child Protection refresher
- Fire safety
- GIRFEC (Getting it Right For Every Child)
- School administration
- Raising attainment in literacy, numeracy and Health & Wellbeing (Pupil Equity Fund)
- New craft social studies pathway
- New forward planning procedures for teaching staff