

North Ayrshire Council: Communities and Education

Stanley Primary School











Handbook **2024-2025**

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Welcome to Stanley Primary School and Early Years Class

Dear Parent,

At Stanley Primary we are very proud of our sense of community that is a result of the excellent relationships between everyone who is part of our school. Parents and Carers are a vital part of this and we value working in partnership with you so that all children can achieve their potential.

I am delighted that you have decided to enrol your child in Stanley Primary School. Hopefully, it will be an exciting journey where many new experiences will be met.

In our school, we hope your child will:

- Be happy
- Be part of our team
- Always have someone to listen and support them
- Be treated fairly
- Have a love for learning and achieve all they can
- Discover and develop their talents
- Feel valued and be the best they can be

With your encouragement, help and co-operation, our school will do the best we can to ensure that your child benefits fully from the experiences offered and, in turn, be a valuable member of the community.

I look forward to our partnership.

Stephanie Hart Head Teacher

Respect Inclusion Honesty Ambition Determination

Education and Youth Employment Directorate

What we want to achieve

Our Overall Aim

Ensuring our children and young people experience the best start in life.

Our Priorities

- We will create the conditions for our children and young people to access the highest quality learning experiences from ages 3-18.
- We will support our children and young people to become successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.
- We will offer opportunities to our young people and their families to play a more active role in school life and encourage more participation in learning.
- We will work with all young people to build their resilience, supporting their mental health and physical well-being.



<u>Introduction</u>

Stanley Primary School is a non-denominational school serving Ardrossan. The new build school opened in August 2007. The current roll is 424 pupils in 17 classes and includes an Early Years Class with a capacity of 84 pupils (42 morning and 42 afternoon). The Early Years Class now offers extended provision from 8am to 6pm daily and parents can request up to 6 sessions weekly for their child. To cater for an increasing roll, new modular accommodation was provided in August 2014 to accommodate Primary 1 classes. The Early Years Class (EYC) is an integral part of the main building. We also have a nurture room, the Rainbow Room. Outdoor facilities include an all-weather Astroturf sports pitch, a climbing wall, an outdoor gym, Early Years garden, outdoor learning areas, bicycle racks and shed, school garden and greenhouse. All buildings are accessible to those with physical disabilities.

Our Vision

We work together as a team, to deliver high quality experiences that encourage everyone to be the best they can be and to be proud of our school.

Our Values

Honesty Ambition Respect Determination Inclusion

Our Aims:

- to create a happy, safe and inclusive community that promotes well-being and respect
- to provide an appropriate stimulating, challenging and accessible curriculum to empower all children to achieve their potential
- to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable children to become positive contributors to society
- to build a learning community that promotes and fosters teamwork and leadership at all levels
- to encourage commitment to partnerships with parents, agencies and communities

The Staff

Head Teacher - Mrs Incoronato
Depute Head Teacher (pastoral P5, P6 and P7) - Mrs Bryson
Depute Head Teacher (pastoral P1, P2, P3 and P4) Mrs Hogg
Principal Teacher - Mr Cruickshanks

Present Class Structure

P1/M P5/G Miss Guthrie Mrs Shedden/Mrs McCulloch P1/F Mrs Frew P5/P Mr Po Miss Campbell Miss Wallace P2/C P6/W Mrs McGinn P6/GG Mrs Gilligan/Miss Gemmill P2/M Mrs Grant P3/E Mrs Elliot P6/G P3/WH Mrs Weir/Mrs Hill P7/T Miss Tattersall P4/R Mrs Richardson P7/W Miss Wilkin P4/AM Mrs Anderson/Ms McGregor

Pupil Support

Miss Robertson, Mr Cruickshanks (PT), Mrs Hogg and Mrs Bryson (DHTs) all provide cover for various classes to give teachers their non-class contact time.

The school has the service of visiting instructors for brass instrument, wind instrument, violin tuition, recorder and percussion.

Non-teaching Staff

Education Assistants: Mrs Higgins & Mrs Moore

Early Years Manager: Miss Struthers

Senior Early Years Practitioner: Mrs Tracey Wilton

(3-5 yr olds):

Early Years Practitioners: Miss Bowie; Mrs Farrell;

(3-5 yr olds): Mrs Caig; Mrs Gillon; Mrs Pedden; Mrs Harvie; Mrs

Koerner

Early Years Assistant: Mrs Collins

Equity and Excellence Leads: Mrs Dunlop and Miss Blakely

Classroom Assistants: Miss Cance; Mrs McDonald; Mrs Too; Mrs Welsh; Mrs

Galloway, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Grier and

Mrs Gunion:

Senior Janitor: Mr McGookin **Assistant Janitor:** Mr Donnelly

Pupil Equity Fund Staff:

Class Teacher: Mrs McGinn

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Event	Date
Schools open	Tuesday 28 May 2024
Schools closed	Friday 28 June 2024
Staff only in service	Monday 19 August 2024
Schools open	Tuesday 20 August 2024
Staff only in service	Monday 23 September 2024
Schools closed	Monday 14 October 2024
Schools open	Monday 21 October 2024
Schools closed	Monday 25 November 2024
Staff only in service	Tuesday 26 November 2024
Schools open	Wednesday 27 November 2024
Schools closed	Monday 23 December 2024
Schools open	Monday 6 January 2025
Schools closed	Monday 17 February 2025
Staff only in service	Tuesday 18 February 2025
Schools open	Wednesday 19 February 2025
Schools closed	Monday 7 April 2025
Schools open	Tuesday 22 April 2025
Schools closed	Monday 5 May 2025
Schools open	Tuesday 6 May 2025
Staff only in service	Friday 23 May 2025
Schools closed	Monday 26 May 2025
Schools open	Tuesday 27 May 2025
Schools closed	Monday 30 June 2025
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Section 2: School Procedures

School Security

North Ayrshire Council has introduced procedures to ensure the safety and security of children and staff when attending or working in a school. A number of security measures are used including the use of a visitors' book, badges and escorts while visitors are within the school building. Anyone, parent/carer or visitor at a school for any reason, will be asked to report to the school office. The school staff will then make any necessary arrangements in connection with the visit to the school.

It is the policy of the school that any member of staff will approach a visitor and ask for verification of identity. All parents and visitors should report to the School Office immediately, where, if necessary, they will be issued with security pass or escorted within the school. This measure ensures that children work in a safe and protected environment. We appreciate your support in carrying out all of the above measures.

The main areas of the school precincts are covered by CCTV cameras.

Positive Relationships

The school is committed to developing a nurturing approach and promoting positive relationships. Like every community, our school is built on the relationships within it, across it and its connections with others. Every member of staff is responsible for establishing and maintaining positive relationships with each other, with parents and with partners and most importantly with the young people in their care.

Our expectations of behaviour for children and young people are high. Some children may require additional support in relation to their behaviour, and the school will work positively with the young person and the parents, and other partners, as appropriate, to ensure positive outcomes are achieved.

North Ayrshire Council is committed to the principles of restorative practices. This is a solution-focused approach to managing behaviour and resolving difficulties and which promotes healthy relationships that enable better behaviour and better learning.

The school has a code of conduct to ensure the safety and well-being of all and parents are asked to support the school fully in this matter.

Pupils are expected to adhere to the full value contract of preferred behaviours to which they have contributed at the start of the session.

There are various and numerous incentive schemes used within the school-house system to encourage good behaviour by pupils. All pupils will be placed in one of four houses, Ailsa Craig, Arran, Bute or Pladda. Where possible, siblings will be in the same house.

Playground Supervision

The Council meets the terms of the legal requirement that pupils be supervised in the playground by at least **ONE** adult during the interval or lunchtime, if there are fifty or more pupils at the school. Our policy reflects that of North Ayrshire Council in terms of the Schools (Safety and Supervision of Pupils) (Scotland) Regulations 1990.

An adult presence is provided in playgrounds at break times. Pupils who travel by contracted school transport and arrive at school more than ten minutes before the start of the school day can shelter under the covered areas around the school.

Stanley Primary School provides a high adult presence in the playground. This is to ensure that pupils are supervised closely and to avoid incidents wherever possible.

Absence from school premises at breaks

Schools have a duty to look after the welfare of their pupils. This means that the staff should take the same care of pupils as a sensible parent would take, and this includes taking reasonable care of pupils' safety during intervals and lunchtimes.

It is the policy of North Ayrshire Council that NO CHILDREN are allowed to leave the school grounds at intervals. Primary pupils should only leave school grounds at lunchtimes when they are going home for lunch with their parents' agreement. Parents should put this request in writing to the Head Teacher. Pupils will leave and return through the main entrance of the school.

Parents should encourage their children to follow these rules in the interests of safety.

At home time, we prefer infants to be collected by an adult. We expect that all Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 pupils will have an adult collect them at the end of the day.

School Dress Code

It is the policy of North Ayrshire Council to support the introduction of a reasonable and flexible dress code in schools in its area. The Council encourages each school to adopt its own code, after consultation with parents and pupils.

The Council believes that establishing a school dress code has many benefits. These include improvements in safety, security, positive behaviour and community spirit and a decrease in bullying and in expense for parents.

The Council will support schools in encouraging and helping pupils to conform to the chosen dress code. Some types of clothing will not be allowed at school in any circumstances, for reasons of safety, decency or wellbeing.

Types of clothing which will not be allowed include:

- Clothes which are a health or safety risk
- Clothes which may damage the school building
- Clothes which may provoke other pupils
- Clothes which are offensive or indecent
- Clothes which encourage the use of alcohol or tobacco

All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name in case of loss.

Personal Belongings

It is appreciated that parents and pupils may be distressed over the occasional loss of pupil's clothing and/or personal belongings. Parents are asked to assist by ensuring that valuable items of clothing or personal belongings are NOT brought to school.

<u>Parents should note that the authority does not carry insurance to cover the loss of such items.</u>

At Stanley Primary School, we like our children to be smart and to take a pride in their appearance and our school, so the wearing of uniform is encouraged. By far the majority of pupils in the school wear school uniform and the school enjoys parental support on this issue.

Primary 1 – Primary 6

Stanley Primary School uniform can be the more practical option of; Navy Stanley Primary School crew neck sweatshirt, white polo-shirt and GREY trousers or skirt.

Alternatively, it can be the more traditional white shirt, Stanley Primary School tie, Navy Stanley Primary School V - neck cardigan or jumper and **GREY** trousers or skirt.

Primary 7

In Primary 7 the uniform changes to a red Stanley Primary School sweatshirt with a senior's badge, white polo-shirt and black trousers or skirt, again sweatshirts and polo-shirts are on sale in school.

Should parents decide on the more traditional option, school badges will be available in school to be worn with a navy blazer.

Navy sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans, hats, fleeces, white polo shirts and school ties are available for sale in school with parents receiving order forms twice annually.

Dress Code for PE

Children must wear suitable clothing for PE activities. This should be a white t-shirt or polo-shirt and **plain navy or black shorts**. Each child will be supplied with a gym bag that will be kept in school. This will allow us to provide the children with physical activities at short notice. The shorts will be sent home regularly for washing.

We adhere strictly to health and safety guidelines and pupils must remove any item that may cause danger, i.e. metal buckles, jewellery. These items are the responsibility of the pupil. Long hair should be tied back.

Mobile Phones

While the benefits of mobile phones are recognised, they can be a serious distraction to work. Repeated disruption may result in phones being retained until uplifted by a parent.

Inappropriate use of text messages and/or photographs/recordings (video and audio) whilst in school may be treated as a breach of the school's code of conduct or a serious incident, which could be referred to the police.

Where at all possible, pupils should **NOT** bring mobile phones to school. Where this is necessary, they should be handed in for safekeeping and once collected at 3pm should remain on silent or switched off until the pupil has left the school grounds.

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Information in Emergencies

We make every effort to maintain a full education service, but on some occasions exceptional circumstances arise which lead to disruption. Schools may be affected by, for example, severe weather, temporary interruption of transport, power failures or difficulties of fuel supply. In such cases, we shall do all we can to let you know about details of closure or re-opening. We shall keep you informed by using Xpressions App, letters, notices in local shops and community centres, announcements in local churches, in the press and on radio West FM, by text where possible and through the school website – www.stanley.northayrshireschools.co.uk and X (formerly Twitter) - @ StanleyPS_EYC.

Should you have doubts about deteriorating conditions during the day, it may be advisable to contact the school. Parents should ensure that the school is aware of the emergency arrangements made for their child and have responsibility to update us with contact numbers.

Listening and Learning

The North Ayrshire Council Education Service encourages feedback on the education service from parents and pupils. This is part of our overall commitment to giving the best possible service and to working in partnership.

We are therefore very interested in feedback of all kinds, whether it is compliments, suggestions or complaints. If you wish to register a comment of any type about the school, you can do this by writing, telephoning or making an appointment to see someone. All feedback is welcome and helps us keep in touch.

If, in particular, you have a complaint about the school please let us know. It is better that these things are shared openly and resolved fairly, rather than being allowed to damage the home/school relationship. There will be no negative consequences arising from making a complaint and we will deal with the issue as confidentially as possible. If we have made a mistake we will apologise quickly and clearly and try to put things right.

There are some things which you should note in relation to making a complaint:

 The Council has a Two Stage procedure when handling complaints from parents and members of the public. More details on the two stages can be found in the Council's complaint page here:

https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/contact-us/complaints-and-feedback/make-a-complaint.aspx

• It is helpful if complaints are made initially to the school's Head Teacher. This ensures the school is made aware of what is going on and has an opportunity to investigate and try to resolve the issue at Stage One first.

- We try to resolve all complaints as quickly as possible but if a complaint is complex more time may be needed to investigate. It is therefore helpful if you can provide full details of the issue at the outset and ask for an early appointment to discuss it.
- If you are not satisfied with a response you receive at Stage One, you can ask that your complaint is escalated to Stage Two. Should you wish to do this you should contact Education Services at Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE or by telephone on (01294) 324400.
- If, after receiving the Stage Two final response letter you remain dissatisfied you can ask the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman to consider your complaint and we'll tell you how to do this in the Stage Two response letter.
- Parent Councils have an important role in developing links between the school
 and the wider parent body and can often be helpful in dealing with issues of
 general concern. However, parents are advised that individual, personal
 complaints are not appropriate for raising via Parent Councils due to the possible
 need for confidentiality.
- Please note you can also raise concerns you may have with your local Councillor, MSP or MP but these will be handled under a different process to the Two Stage complaint process.

It is unacceptable to approach another parent or child in the playground. All complaints/concerns must go through the appropriate channels – which is the school office and an appointment will be made for you if you cannot be seen at the time.

Money and Valuables

Children should avoid bringing large amounts of money and/or anything of value to school. If money needs to be brought, it should not be left in jackets or coats in the cloakrooms.

All clothing should have the owner's name clearly marked on it.

Care of Books, Jotters and Equipment Supplied by the School

Pupils may be held responsible for damage caused to books, jotters and equipment through carelessness, negligence etc. and may be required to pay the cost of replacing any item which is lost or damaged.

Charities

Every session the pupils are involved in many forms of fund-raising for charity groups. In the past, these have included Marie Curie, Cash for Kids, RNIB, Poppy appeal, CHAS, Ayrshire Hospice, Macmillan Cancer Care, Mary's Meals, Rainforest Concern, Comic Relief, Ardrossan Christmas Lights, North Ayrshire Council Food Bank, The Butterfly Club and Ewing's Sarcoma Research Trust. We always receive a most generous response from parents and friends of the school.

Book Clubs/Book Fair

There will be a book fair each October/November to assist with the promotion of literacy within the school. All proceeds from this will be re invested to improve our stock of library books.

Visits

During the course of the session, various outings may be arranged by the school for particular classes. These trips normally relate to work being undertaken in the classroom or as part of the school curriculum. Parents are encouraged to assist wherever possible.

Community Use and School Lets

The School is very much part of the local community and is used by outside organisations outwith school hours. Groups wishing the use of the school should contact KA Leisure for information re letting procedures.

Section 3: Educational Grants: Footwear, Clothing, Free School Meals and Transport

Footwear and Clothing Grants

Parents receiving Universal Credit will normally be entitled to grants for footwear and clothing for their children. Universal Credit claimants' monthly income must not exceed £625.00, however, some parents earning more than this may still be eligible.

Parents who receive Income Support, Income based Job Seeker's Allowance, any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance, Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit only (with income under £16,105), both Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit (with an income up to £7,500) may also still be entitled to grants for footwear and clothing for their children.

Parents who may be unsure whether they can apply should contact the Council Contact Centre on 01294 310000 or the Council's Welfare Reform Team on 0300 99 4606 for further advice. Information and application forms may be obtained from schools.

Free School Meals

Children of parents receiving Universal Credit (claimants' monthly income must not exceed £625.00), Income Support, Income based Job Seeker's Allowance, any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance, Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, both Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit (with an income up to £7,500) are entitled to a free midday meal and free milk. Parents and Carers should contact 01294 310000 for further information.

Please Note: **ALL** pupils in P1-5 are entitled to a free school meal, which includes milk.

Other than P1-P5 pupils, only those children whose parents receive job seeker's allowance or income support will be entitled to free milk. Milk may however be available for purchase in the school during the lunch period.

Further information can be found here: https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/grants-and-allowances/footwear-clothing-and-free-school-meals.aspx

School Meals

Meals are served daily from the multi-choice cafeteria. The meals are planned to offer a healthy diet for the children. Please inform us if your child has any specific allergies. Parents of children who require a special diet can arrange this by contacting the school or Early Years Class.

There are arrangements in place for children who would prefer to eat a packed lunch.

School Transport Policy

North Ayrshire Council has a policy of providing free transport to all primary pupils who live more than two miles from their catchment area school by the recognised shortest safe walking route or through the link attached below:

https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Forms/EducationalServices/free-school-transport.doc

These forms should be completed and returned before the end of February for those pupils beginning school in August to enable the appropriate arrangements to be made.

Applications may be submitted at other times throughout the year but may be subject to delay while arrangements are made. The appropriate officer has discretion, in special circumstances, to grant permission for pupils to travel in transport provided by the authority, where places are available and no additional costs are incurred.

Where free transport is provided, it may be necessary for pupils to walk a certain distance to the vehicle pick-up point. Walking distance in total, including the distance from home to the pick-up point and from the drop-off point to the school in any one direction, will not exceed the Council's limits (see above section). It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their child arrives at the pick-up point on time. It is also the parents' responsibility to ensure that their child behaves in a safe and acceptable manner while boarding, travelling in and leaving the vehicle. Misbehaviour can result in children losing the right to free transport.

Please see attached link to the Council's School Transport Policy:

https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/EducationalServices/school-transport-policy.pdf

Section 4: School Registration, Enrolment and Attendance

Registration and Enrolment

The date for registration of school beginners is advertised in the local press and is normally in November each year. Pupils will be registered in the school for their catchment area.

Parents are provided with information about the school and procedures for making placing requests, if required. Arrangements for meetings with parents and induction days for pupils will be notified during the spring and summer terms.

Parents of pupils who have moved to the area or who wish their child to transfer to the school should contact the school office on 01294 462531 for information about appropriate procedures and to arrange a visit to the school.

Parents are welcome to contact the Head Teacher at any time by visiting or telephoning the school.

Placing Requests

North Ayrshire Council does not provide transport for those pupils in receipt of a placing request other than in exceptional circumstances.

Attendance at School/Lateness

It is the responsibility of parents of children of school age to educate their child(ren). Most do this by ensuring that their child(ren) attend(s) school regularly.

Attendance is recorded twice a day, morning and afternoon. Absence from school is recorded as authorised, unauthorised or temporarily excluded.

Parents are asked to inform the school by letter or telephone if their child is likely to be absent for some time, and to give the child a note on his or her return to school, confirming the reason for absence. If there is no explanation from a child's parents, the absence will be regarded as unauthorised.

Every effort should be made to avoid family holidays during term time as this both disrupts the child's education and reduces learning time. Parents should inform the school by letter, before going on holiday, of the dates. Such absence will be authorised only where certain and very specific family circumstances exist. The majority of family holidays taken during term time will be categorised as unauthorised absence.

Parents may request that their children be permitted to be absent from school to make an extended visit to relatives. Only written requests detailing the destination, the duration and the provision that will be made for their continuing education will be granted. Such extended absences will be recorded separately from the normal attendance and absence information.

The School Inclusion Worker investigates unexplained absence, and the authority has the power to write to, interview or prosecute parents, or refer pupils to the Reporter to the Children's Panel, if necessary.

Attendance/Absence data

Absence rates are calculated as a percentage of the total number of possible attendances for all pupils of the school in the stage shown, each morning and afternoon of each school day being a separate possible attendance. It takes very few absences to fall below average and you will receive information about attendance twice per year. All schools nationally are measured through your child's attendance figures and every attendance is crucial for their education. Last day of term absences and birthdays will always be unauthorised absences. Please support us in keeping our attendance rate high by sending your child to school every day. Thank you in advance for your support.

Soft Start

Entry doors will be opened at 8.50am, wherever possible, on a daily basis, unless there are unforeseen circumstances, and pupils are free to enter the school. It is important that NO parents enter the cloakroom areas. Supervised activities will be available for the children at this time.

Structure of Classes

Primary schools educate pupils at seven broad year stages, Primary 1 to Primary 7. A year stage is defined as a group of pupils entering primary education at a common date. Schools are staffed based on the total number of pupils. However, the numbers of pupils at each year stage will vary. This means that head teachers are required to organise classes to make best use of available staff, resources and space to the benefit of all children in the school.

Pupils may, therefore, be taught in a single stage class or a composite class where two or more year stages are grouped together. This may also change as pupils move from one year to the next.

National guidelines on the curriculum indicate that pupils should progress through learning experiences tailored to their own needs and abilities. This means that pupils in all classes follow programmes designed to help them progress at their own level. This applies to all pupils regardless of whether or not they are in a composite or single year stage class.

The National agreement on class sizes states that the maximum number of pupils in a class is 25 in P1, 30 in P2 - P3, and 33 in P4 - P7. In a composite class, the maximum number is 25.

Transfer to Secondary School

Pupils are normally transferred between the ages of eleven and a half and twelve and a half, so that they will have the opportunity to complete at least 4 years of secondary education. Parents will be informed of the arrangements no later than January of the year preceding the date of transfer at the start of the new session.

Stanley Primary School is an associated primary school of:

Ardrossan Academy

Sorbie Road, Ardrossan, KA22 8AR

Tel No: 01294 461931

During their time in Primary 7, pupils are taken to Ardrossan Academy as part of the induction programme. Teachers from local primary schools and their secondary colleagues have worked together to create a Pupil Profile of Achievements which will be completed in Primary 7 and passed onto the secondary school. Teachers from both schools liaise to ensure a smooth transition that focuses on progression for pupils. Parents will be informed of the details of the visits when appropriate.

Section 5: Curriculum for Excellence

Curriculum for Excellence is the national curriculum for Scottish schools for learners from age 3 to 18. It aims to raise standards, prepare our children for a future they do not yet know and equip them for the jobs of tomorrow in a fast changing world.

Curriculum for Excellence enables professionals to teach subjects creatively, to work together across the school and with other schools, to share best practice and explore learning together. Glow, Scotland's unique, world-leading, online network supports learners, teachers and families in this.

Teachers and practitioners will share information to plan a child's "learning journey" from 3-18, ensuring children continue to work at their own pace whilst providing challenge upon which they can thrive.

Curriculum for Excellence balances the importance of knowledge and skills. Every child is entitled to a broad and deep general education where every single teacher and practitioner will be responsible for literacy and numeracy – the language and number skills that unlock other subjects and are vital to everyday life. There is emphasis too on health and wellbeing – to ensure that the school is a place where children feel safe and secure.

Curriculum for Excellence develops skills for learning, life and work to help young people go on to further study, secure work and navigate life. It brings real life into the classroom, making learning relevant and helps young people apply lessons to their life beyond the classroom.

It links knowledge in one subject area to another helping children understand the world and make connections. It develops skills so that children can think for themselves, make sound judgements, challenge, enquire and find solutions.

Children's progress is assessed using a broad range of approaches to ensure children achieve their potential. Ultimately, Curriculum for Excellence aims to improve our children's life chances, to nurture **successful** learners, **confident** individuals, **effective** contributors and **responsible** citizens, building on Scotland's reputation for great education.

Subjects covered through Curriculum for Excellence include Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing, Expressive Arts, Religious Education, Modern Languages, Sciences, Social Studies and Technologies.

A Curriculum for Excellence aims to enable young people to meet the four capacities listed overleaf.

Curriculum for Excellence: The Capacities

successful learners confident individuals with: • self-respect • a sense of physical, mental and emotional wellbeing • secure values and beliefs • ambition enthusiasm and motivation for learning determination to reach high standards of achievement openness to new thinking and ideas and able to: and able to: relate to others and manage themselves pursue a healthy and active lifestyle be self-aware develop and communicate their own beliefs and view of the world live as independently as they can assess risk and make informed decisions achieve success in different areas of · use literacy, communication and numeracy use technology for learning think creatively and independently learn independently and as part of a group make reasoned evaluations link and apply different kinds of learning in new situations. activity. To enable all young people to become: responsible citizens effective contributors respect for others an enterprising attitude · commitment to participate responsibly in resilience political, economic, social and cultural life and able to: and able to: develop knowledge and understanding of communicate in different ways and in the world and Scotland's place in it different settings understand different beliefs and cultures work in partnership and in teams · make informed choices and decisions take the initiative and lead evaluate environmental, scientific and apply critical thinking and new contexts technological issues create and develop develop informed, ethical views of complex solve problems.

Further Information about Curriculum for Excellence and the Experiences and Outcomes can be found on the Curriculum for Excellence website.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are very fortunate in that we have <u>MANY</u> extra-curricular clubs/activities within the school. These include:- Football, Netball, Athletics, Basketball, Drama, Scottish Country Dancing, Cycling Proficiency, Choir, Cross Country Running, K-nex, Street Dance, Library, Lunch and Homework club. Other clubs are likely to run on a block basis and information about these will be provided as and when appropriate.

Breakfast Club

The school runs a Breakfast Club each morning from 8am to 8.45am. There is a daily charge of 50 pence. The children get a healthy breakfast and access to table top and physical activities each day.

All children MUST arrive no later 8.25am each morning.

Youth Music Initiative (YMI)

All Primary 6 pupils receive a block of tuition for the ukulele or Bucket from visiting music specialists.

Assessment Children's Progress in the Broad General Education (BGE) Early Years – end of S3

Assessment is a central part of everyday learning and teaching for children and young people. Evidence of progress is gathered on an ongoing and informal basis through asking questions, observing children working together and making formative comments on their work. Children may also assess their own work or that of their classmates; this is called self and peer assessment. Some assessment is more formal such as projects, investigations and standardised assessments.

The assessment of children's progress throughout the BGE (Early - S3) is based on teachers' views: their professional judgement. Teachers draw on their professional knowledge and understanding of the child; on the benchmarks for literacy and numeracy, which provide clear information about what children and young people should be able to do and demonstrate by the end of a Curriculum for Excellence Level; and on a wide range of assessment information.

Teachers of P1, P4, P7 and S3 are asked at the end of every school year whether children have achieved the relevant Curriculum for Excellence level for their stage in reading, writing, talking and listening (literacy), and their ability to understand and work with numbers (numeracy). Most children are expected to have achieved the early level by the end of P1, first level by the end of P4, second level by the end of P7 and third or fourth level by the end of S3.

The government has also introduced new national standardised assessments that cover some aspects of reading, writing and working with numbers. These assessments are completed online and are automatically marked by the online system giving teachers immediate feedback to help plan next steps and support children's progress.

Teachers remain best placed to know how the children in their class are progressing. Their professional judgement will continue to be the most important way of assessing your child's progress at school.

As a parent, you continue to have a key role in helping your child to learn. Your child's teacher will keep you informed about how your child is progressing. Please contact us if you have any concerns about their learning, assessment or for more information on how you can support your child's learning at home.

Invitations to parents to visit the school to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher are made twice per session in October and May/June. These meetings include the parents/carers, pupil and teacher who will discuss the child's progress together and agree learning goals. A written report will be sent out in May/June.

Homework

Parents have a very important role in helping their children to get the best out of school and it is important that they take an active interest in their child's progress at school. This can be done by:

- Encouraging hard work and high standards at all times
- Stressing the importance and relevance of what is learned at school
- Supporting the school's policy on homework and discipline

The type of homework will vary depending on the age and ability of individual pupils. Reading commonly forms part of the homework set and will be specified by the teacher. Learning to read can be challenging and the process is made easier if families read with their child and discuss the story and pictures in a way that encourages enjoyment and a love of books and stories.

In the early and middle stages, oral reading should be practiced regularly at home, whereas in the upper primary, where children are competent in the mechanics of reading, a greater emphasis may be placed on silent reading and comprehension. Reading for enjoyment should be encouraged at all stages.

Spelling is also an important part of homework from P3 onwards (although some children may be asked to practice even earlier). Math's homework will be given to consolidate understanding and proficiency at all stages of the school.

From time to time pupils are given assignments and Personal projects that may involve research, investigation, preparing a speech, learning a poem or a similar activity.

In Stanley Primary School, Primary 1 to Primary 3 tasks should last approximately 10-15 minutes per evening and Primary 4 to Primary 7 tasks should last approximately 15-35 minutes. Homework may be issued daily, weekly or termly. Parents are encouraged to

- provide a quiet place for homework
- ensure that homework is completed on time
- look over the work to check if it is well-presented
- sign completed work
- contact the school if homework is causing problems

Primary 4-7 homework may be issued in paper form or be issued through Glow using SharePoint. Primary 1-3 homework may be shared in paper form or through your child's Learning Journal.

Liaison with other Education Establishments

The school works closely with the other primary schools associated with Ardrossan Academy and which form a 'cluster group' of schools.

Pupils and staff from Stanley Primary School are actively involved in various types of work with pupils from Dykesmains Primary School, Winton Primary School, West Kilbride Primary School, Springvale Early Years Centre and Ardrossan Academy. These activities are of mutual benefit to the pupils and staff involved.

Section 6: School Improvement

S&Q Report/Improvement Plan

Schools in North Ayrshire follow a Quality Improvement process designed to highlight strengths and identify areas for improvement. The process is based on the school's self-evaluation process with Heads of Service and Senior Managers involved in at least three formal validation visits each session.

This validation process involves talking to pupils, staff and parents about learning and improvements made by the school. This results in actions for improvement for the school to take forward in their planning process.

In addition, themed reviews are undertaken from time to time e.g. to look and report on the quality of the Broad General Education (3-18) and Senior Phase Education within secondary schools. This process is based upon standards and expectations contained within the following National Standards documentation:

- National Improvement Framework
- How Good is Our School 4
- How Good is Our Early Learning and Childcare?
- How Good is OUR School?

A Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan are produced on an annual basis by every school and centre. Staff, Parents/ Carers, Young People and School Partners will play an active role in the development of these key school documents.

Stanley Primary School Standards and Quality Report 2023-2024 and Stanley Primary School Improvement Plan 2024-2025 can be found on the school website – www.stanley.northayrshireschools.co.uk. The Standards and Quality Report outlines the strengths of the school and the successes and achievements over the academic session. The School Improvement Plan outlines the areas of the curriculum and others areas that the school will be developing.

Section 7: Support for your Child

Equalities

In line with North Ayrshire Council policy, educational provision is open to all pupils, regardless of sex, age, religion, race, disability or any other potential barrier and all reasonable measures will be taken to ensure that the curriculum is available to every child. Schools also have a duty to promote equality and to eliminate racist and other discriminatory behaviours.

Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 has been drawn up to tackle inequality and prevent discrimination against people on the basis of 'protected characteristics'. It brings together several existing laws and aims to make understanding the law simpler, and introduces a new single public sector equality duty, which requires public bodies to actively advance equality.

The duties set out in Chapter 1 of Part 6 of the Equality Act apply to all schools. These provisions protect pupils at the school and in the case of admissions, those applying or wishing to apply for admission. Former pupils are also protected from discrimination or harassment.

Guidance on the Act and its requirements for schools in relation to the provision of education can be accessed via the Scottish Government website via here:

https://education.gov.scot/improvement/research/equality-act-2010/

Child Protection

The Education and Youth Employment Directorate has a fundamental duty to contribute to the care and safety of all children and young people in North Ayrshire. In fulfilling this duty, the service must engage in close partnership with parents/carers and relevant agencies, primarily the Health and Social Care Partnership and where appropriate the Scottish Children's Reporter's Administration. The Service will work in partnership with a number of levels within the establishment or school within the cluster or local area and through Integrated Children's Services and Community Health Partnership.

The Standard Circular entitled, "Protecting and Safeguarding North Ayrshire's Children" provides guidance for policy and practice within all educational establishments. The Council is one of the key partners in the North Ayrshire Child Protection Committee, a multi-agency group that takes the lead role in ensuring that our children and young people are cared for, protected from harm and grow up in a safe environment.

Each school has a named Child Protection Co-ordinator, Mr James Hughes, Head Teacher, who is the main point of contact for school staff and for external agencies seeking contact with the school on child protection matters. There is an extensive staff-training programme available to staff and, in addition, at the beginning of each school session all staff receive an update on child protection policies, safeguarding and procedures.

Inclusion

North Ayrshire Council is committed to the well-being and educational development of all learners. The process of inclusion requires all involved in the business of learning and teaching to demonstrate commitment, innovation and flexibility in order to ensure that all children and young people have access to quality learning opportunities and experiences. Our Inclusion Strategy states that:

- An inclusive approach to education supports an ethos of achievement and high expectation, recognises difference, respects these differences and sees differences between learners as opportunities for learning.
- An inclusive approach to education promotes tolerance and a positive understanding of diversity.
- An inclusive approach to education alleviates the barriers to learning, supports the achievement of all and has positive relationships at its heart.

The presumption of mainstream as outlined in the Standards in Scotland's Schools (2000) sets out that children will be educated in a mainstream setting unless exceptional circumstances apply. North Ayrshire, therefore, has a duty to ensure that clear assessment outlines the additional support needs of a child or young person, which may require support in an alternative provision

Where this is the case, North Ayrshire has a clear process that supports the Team around the Child to make a recommendation for consideration of alternative provision. This is outlined in the Standard Circular E19 and requires establishment staff to work with parents/carers to ensure all supports have been put in place to support a child or young person in their mainstream context before submitting clear evidence of what has been implemented and going on to request alternative provision. North Ayrshire council staff will then make a recommendation based on the evaluation of this evidence and a review of the needs of the young person and the current peer group in each setting.

The Education (Disability Strategies and Pupils' Educational Records) (Scotland) Act, October 2002, requires local education authorities to prepare and implement accessibility strategies to improve, over time, access to education for young people with disabilities. Access covers:

- The physical building and grounds
- The curriculum (both formal and informal)
- Information on any educational planning that might affect the child's/young person's education

The Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) (2009) Act sets out certain duties on local education authorities and confers certain rights on children and their parents. These duties include the need to:

- Identify, assess and address the need for additional support for any child or young person failing to benefit from school education, for whatever reason
- Seek and take account of the views of the child or young person on issues relating to their education

 Engage in helpful partnership working with parents/carers and staff from other agencies

These are the various pieces of legislation that support the right to inclusion and that define the main features of that right.

Additional Support for Learning

Any child who needs more or different support to what is normally provided in schools or pre-schools is said to have 'additional support needs'. This includes children who may need extra help with their education as a result of issues arising from social and emotional difficulties, bullying, physical disability, having English as an additional language, a sensory impairment or communication difficulty.

The Additional Support for Learning Act

The Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 came into force in November 2005. In June 2009, the Act was amended. These amendments form the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2009 and came into force on November 2010.

Main provisions of the Act

- The Act provides the legal framework underpinning the system for supporting children and young people in their school education, and their families.
- This framework is based on the idea of additional support needs. This broad and inclusive term applies to children or young people who, for whatever reason, require additional support, long or short term, in order to help them make the most of their school education and to be included fully in their learning.
- The 2009 Act automatically deems that all looked after children and young people have additional support needs unless the education authority determine that they do not require additional support in order to benefit from school education.
- In addition, education authorities must consider whether each looked after child or young person for whose school education they are responsible requires a coordinated support plan.

Duties under the 'Additional Support for Learning' legislation

North Ayrshire must assess any pupil with additional support needs and provide with any support necessary for them to benefit fully from their education. All the evidence says that it is best to intervene early to prevent any difficulties developing and taking root. For example, by making sure reading is very well taught and that all pupil gets encouragement and support at home we can hopefully reduce later difficulties.

Whatever the type of challenge that arises, it is important to detect it early, develop a shared understanding of what is needed (the school may request extra specialised help to do this) and take action to help to pupil achieve. Whenever we start this process for any child or young person, we will always explain to them and to their parents/carers what our concerns are and what we will do to help.

The school can get support from a range of visiting professionals including Educational Psychologists. These professionals are regularly in all schools and teachers and

others will ask for informal advice on supporting pupils for example on the best way to support a pupil who is having difficulties with reading. If the school wants more detailed individual help then they would talk to you about formally involving the educational psychologist. The educational psychologist can only be involved in seeing your child after seeking your agreement to this.

For a few children and young people their needs are so complex that professionals from two or more agencies need to work together over a significant length of time to enable the child to benefit from school education.

The authority approach to staged intervention has been updated to take ensure it is line with the CYP (2014) and ASL (2004) (amended 2009) Acts. The aim is to ensure children and young people get the right support at the right time.

Where a child or young person has additional support needs, extra planning is required every time there is a move to a new class, new school or college. How far ahead this transition planning needs to start depends on the particular type of needs but for most children and young people with Additional Support Needs transition planning should start at least one year before the date of the planned move.

Detailed advice on transition planning is provided in the Supporting Children's Learning Code of Practice, which can be accessed at the following link:

http://www.dsscotland.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Consultation-Doc-June-2017-1.pdf

Dispute Resolution Procedures

If you feel that things are not being done properly to support your child then the Council has a range of ways to work with you to resolve any issues. You can ask at any time for a copy of the booklet called 'Resolving Disagreements'. This booklet will give you ways to make sure your concerns are listened to and addressed.

Further Support

The following organisations are able to provide advice, further information and support to parents of children and young people with ASN.

1. Enquire: Scottish Advice and Information Service for Additional Support for Learning

Website: http://enquire.org.uk/

Helpline: 0345 123 2303

Email: info@enquire.org.uk

2. Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance

Website: http://www.siaa.org.uk/

Telephone: **0131 260 5380** Email: enquiry@siaa.org.uk

3. Scottish Child Law Centre

Website: http://www.sclc.org.uk/

Telephone: **0131 667 6333** Email: enquiries@sclc.org.uk

Getting It Right for Every Child - Ensuring their Wellbeing

The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 puts children and young people at the heart of planning and services and ensures their rights are respected across the public sector. It seeks to improve the way services work to support children, young people and families.

- The act ensures that all children and young people from birth to 18 years old have access to a Named Person.
- The act puts in place a single planning process to support those children who require it.
- The act places a definition of wellbeing in legislation.
- The act places duties on public bodies to coordinate the planning, design and delivery of services for children and young people with a focus on improving wellbeing outcomes, and report collectively on how they are improving those outcomes.

Taking a 'Getting it Right for Every Child' approach to supporting every child is a priority within our school and we aim to assist every child in our school to reach their potential. The wellbeing of children and young people is at the heart of *Getting it Right for every Child*. The approach uses eight areas to describe wellbeing in which children and young people need to progress in order to do well now and in the future.

The eight indicators of wellbeing (SHANARRI)

Safe	Healthy	Achieving	Nurtured
Active	Respected	Responsible	Included

Why we have to get it right for every child

Education and Youth Employment must safeguard, support and promote the wellbeing of all children and young people and address need at the earliest opportunity. These functions are the responsibility of schools and establishments and those who work in them and with them. All who work in Education and Youth Employment and in partnership with Education and Youth Employment have a responsibility to ensure the wellbeing of North Ayrshire's children and young people.

For more information on *Getting it Right for every Child* in North Ayrshire, go to www.girfecna.co.uk

Psychological Services

The Educational Psychology Service in North Ayrshire is part of and contributes to the aims of Education & Youth Employment by improving outcomes for children and young people. Educational Psychologists work together with teachers, parents and other professionals to help children achieve their full potential, within educational settings and the wider community. Educational Psychologists are involved in working with individuals, but also have a significant role in offering training, support and consultation to education establishments on a wide range of issues. They are also involved in supporting research to evaluate how effective approaches to support children and young people are.

When does an Educational Psychologist become involved?

Your child's school/ Early Years Centre already has a system of staged intervention for identifying, assessing, monitoring and reviewing the ongoing progress of all children and young people. As part of this wider system of support, each school and authority early years centre has a link educational psychologist.

The Educational Psychologist for Stanley Primary School and Early Years Class is Mr Gunion.

When concerns arise about a particular pupil the school takes action to address these concerns. If the concerns continue, school/ early years may have an informal discussion with the educational psychologist, and ask about general advice.

If needed, a consultation meeting involving the educational psychologist can then be arranged. This will be discussed with you beforehand. This may be a one off, or may lead to longer-term involvement. Through this process the educational psychologist can, if required, contribute to the ongoing assessment and support for your child. The educational psychologist will be involved while there is a specific role for them and will use a strengths based, solution oriented approach that takes into account the wider context of the child, family and community.

Find out more at:

http://www.northayr-edpsychs.co.uk/

Data Protection

Personal data is required to be collected by North Ayrshire Council in order to deliver education services. It is necessary to collect personal data regarding pupils, parents, carers and other individuals to enable us to carry out our duties under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and the Education (Scotland) Act 2016.

The Data Protection Act 2018 sets out the legal basis for processing data. You can refer to our privacy notice for details of the different basis under which we may process individuals' data.

https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/EducationalServices/eye-privacy-policy.pdf

We may also share or receive an individual's personal data with the following:

- Scottish Government & Education Scotland
- Private Nurseries'
- Strathclyde Passenger Transport
- Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
- Social Work Services
- Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

Where we are required we will also make disclosures required by law and may also share information with other bodies responsible for detecting/preventing fraud or auditing/.administering public finds. Individuals' have legal rights under the data protection legislation including the right of access. Further details can be found in the Council's Privacy Policy at:

https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/privacy-policy.aspx

Medical and Health Care

Medical examinations are carried out at various times during a child's primary school years. Parents are given notice of these and encouraged to attend. Vision and hearing tests and dental examinations, which parents need not attend, are also carried out and parents informed of any recommended action or treatment. All examinations are carried out by Ayrshire and Arran Health Board staff.

Parents should notify the school of any medical requirements or allergies that their child may have. If medication is required, it is better if this can be provided outwith the school day but, in cases where it is necessary during the child's time in school, parents should contact the school to make appropriate arrangements for this. Parents will be asked to complete a form detailing the administering procedure, dosage and frequency of medication. Staff are not obliged to administer medicine but will supervise this.

Minor accidents will be dealt with by the school's qualified First Aider.

If a pupil takes ill or has an accident at school which requires that the child be sent home or for treatment, First Aid will be provided and parents or carers contacted immediately. Children will not be sent home unaccompanied. Where it is considered necessary, a doctor will be consulted. For this reason, it is vital that the school has contact details for parents/carers and an additional contact person in case parents/carers cannot be reached. This information should be updated as required and is a parental responsibility.

**In the event of a serious illness or accident, a member of staff will accompany the child to a doctor or hospital and parents/carers will be notified immediately.

Section 8: Parental Involvement

Parental Engagement and Involvement

NAC Parental Involvement Strategy

All schools have clear systems in place for communicating with everyone in the parent forum. Communications with parents are clear, jargon-free, specific and easily accessible. A variety of methods and approaches are used by schools to communicate with the parent forum including face-to-face, traditional communication methods and digital media e.g. Twitter, Facebook. Considerations will always be given when communicating with parents who have literacy, language and communication challenges.

Schools ensure that parents know who to contact when they wish to discuss their child's learning or wellbeing and will seek to provide a private space for such discussions and make sure parents are given adequate time and support. Consideration will be given to family circumstances.

Parents are welcome to contact the school at any time to arrange an appointment to discuss any matter with the class teacher, Depute Head, Head Teacher or Head of Centre. New families are welcome to contact the school and request a suitable visiting time at any point throughout the session

Parents are given opportunities to understand the way learning and teaching takes place in the classroom. This may be in the form of class visits to take part in the learning experience alongside their child or attending events that share the learning. Frequent invitations are issued to parents to participate in school activities such as open days, class assemblies, workshops and to assist with outings and visits, sports and concerts. There will be a series of early meetings for the parents of Primary 1 pupils and parents are kept informed of events with a range of newsletters, website updates, texts, invitations and social media sites.

A variety of methods will be used to ensure information about your child's progress is shared. Schools are encouraged to provide parents/carers with information on their children's progress at regular intervals throughout the year through a range of activities. There is an expectation that part of this will be in a written format.

Reporting Examples:

Individual Learners	Groups of learners
Written reports/ tracking reports	Assemblies
Learning conversations with pupil/ teacher/ parent/ carer	Open day events
Parent/ carer consultation/ Parents' Meetings involving parent/ teacher/ pupil, as appropriate	School concerts/shows
Home/ school diaries	Social media
Learning Journals	Curriculum workshops led by children and young people and staff
Learning walls and displays	Parent Council meetings
Team Around the Child Meetings	School / class newsletters

Parents for Stanley

Parents for Stanley meet approximately once every 5/6 weeks. This group supports the work of the school and run various fundraising events for the school and the children e.g. disco's, Christmas Fayre etc.



Parentzone Scotland is a unique website for parents and carers in Scotland, from early years to beyond school. The website provides up-to-date information about learning in Scotland, and practical advice and ideas to support children's learning at home in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and science.

Information is also available on Parentzone Scotland regarding additional support needs, how parents can get involved in their child's school and education. Furthermore, the website has details about schools including performance data for school leavers from S4-S6; and links to the national and local authority and school level data on the achievement of Curriculum for Excellence levels.

Parentzone Scotland can be accessed at https://education.gov.scot/parentzone.

Section 9: Pupil Data Collection and Protection Policies

The Scottish Government and its partners collect and use information about pupils through the *Pupil Census* to help to improve education across Scotland. This note explains why we need this information, how we use it and what we do to protect the information supplied to us.

Why do we need your data?

In order to make the best decisions about how to improve our education service, Scottish Government, education authorities and other partners such as the SQA and Skills Development Scotland need accurate, up-to-date data about our pupils. We are keen to help all our pupils do well in all aspects of school life and achieve better examination results. Accurate and up-to-date data allows us to:

- plan and deliver better policies for the benefit of all pupils
- plan and deliver better policies for the benefit of specific groups of pupils
- better understand some of the factors which influence pupil attainment and achievement
- plan and implement targeted approaches to reducing the poverty-related attainment gap
- conduct teacher workforce planning
- share good practice
- target resources better
- enhance the quality of research to improve the lives of young people in Scotland
- provide a window on society, the economy and on the work and performance of government by
 - https://www.gov.scot/publications/pupil-census-supplementary-statistics/

Data policy

Information about pupils' education is collected through our statistical surveys in partnership between the Scottish Government and Local Authorities through the ScotXed Programme that aims to help schools and Local Authorities by supporting efficient collection, processing and dissemination of statistical information. The Scottish Government then provides analysis of the data to support research, planning, management and monitoring of education services as well as to produce National Statistics publications.

Education data within Scottish Government is managed effectively by secure systems on secure servers and is exploited as a valuable corporate resource, subject to confidentiality restraints. As part of its data policy, Scottish Government will not publish or make publicly available any information that allows individual pupils to be identified, nor will data be used by Scottish Government to take any actions in respect of individuals. Data is held securely and no information on individual pupils can or would be made publicly available by Scottish Government.

The individual data collected by Scottish Government through the Pupil Census is used for statistical and research purposes only.

Your data protection rights

Any sharing or linkage of data will be done under the strict control of Scottish Government, and will be consistent with their data policy and the National Data Linkage Guiding Principles. Decisions on the sharing or linkage of data will be taken in consultation with relevant colleagues and individuals within and outwith Scottish Government as part of a Data Access Panel. At all times the rights of the individual (children or adults) under the GDPR and other relevant legislation will be ensured. Further information can be found on:

https://www.gov.scot/collections/scottish-exchange-of-data-scotxed/

Concerns

If you have any concerns about the ScotXed data collections you can email the Data Protection & Information Assets Team on dpa@gov.scot or the Head of Education Analytical Services, Mick Wilson, at mick.wilson@gov.scot or by writing to Education Analytical Services, Area 2A-North, Victoria Quay, Leith, EH6 6QQ. Alternative versions of this page are available, on request from the ScotXed Support Office, in other languages, audio tape, Braille and large print.

Alternatively, complaints may be raised with the Information Commissioners Office at casework@ico.org.uk.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND IN-SERVICE DATES 2022/2023 (all schools except Arran)

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Secondary Schools - Pupil attendance will be 190 after deducting 5 in-service days Primary Schools - Pupil attendance will be 190 after deducting 5 in-service days.