



Barassie PS and EYC



February Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming

I hope everyone had a lovely long weekend last week.

Thank you to our Parent Council who have very kindly donated £10 per child towards the cost of school trips. We really appreciate the support of our Parent Council, Troon Round Table and our wider parent body for all of their fundraising efforts and donations. Without this it would not be possible to support reducing the cost of trips for children.

We have had a busy start to 2026 at Barassie. A few highlights include the success of our girls' football team in their match against Onthank PS, our Scottish Poetry Competition, Our P1/2 Ceilidh, our P7 Burns Celebration, our busy EYC open afternoon for new families and our first Anti-bullying Focus Group with pupils and family members working together to shape our updated policy.

Upcoming dates for your diary are included in this update and as always can be found on our school calendar via our website.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming





Early Years Registration

Early years registration will take place during the **week of 16th February 2026 - 22nd February 2026**. Places for early learning and childcare are not allocated by school catchment areas. Applications can be made online, you will receive an acknowledgement e-mail once the application has been submitted. If you do not receive an acknowledgement e-mail with your case reference number please contact your 1st preference early years centre to ensure your application has been received.

If you are unable to submit an online application please contact your preferred Early Years Centre.

Or



Educational Services 01292 612162 edservicesELC@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

When will my child be eligible to start early learning and childcare?

4 Year Olds

If your child's date of birth is on or between **1 March 2022 and 28 February 2023**

He/she will be eligible for a funded early learning and childcare place from **August 2026**

3 Year Olds

If your child's date of birth is on or between **1 March 2023 and 29 February 2024**

He/she will be eligible for a funded early learning and childcare place as set out as follows:

1 March 2023 - 20 August 2023

from start of term August 2026

For children with a DOB from **21 August - 31 August**

funding cannot start until the day of their 3rd birthday

1 September 2023 - 29 February 2024

the first Monday after their third birthday (unless a public holiday or in-service day)

Parent Council

Date of next meeting:

Friday 8th May 2026

2:00pm-3:00pm

We would love to see you there!



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back.

If you're interested in playing please use the link below to sign up by.

[BPS Lottery Link](#)

Click Here

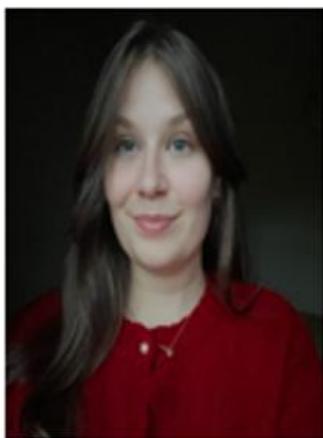


Advice and Support for Families

Welfare Rights & Money Advice Advisor
– Here to Help You



My name is Emma I can offer you a free, confidential and impartial information and advice service. I can help you with:



- ✓ Checking your entitlement and supporting you in making claims
- ✓ Providing advice regarding Free School Meals, School Clothing Grant, Scottish Child Payment and any other eligible grants
- ✓ Supporting you if your benefits have been stopped, reduced or refused
- ✓ Advising you on budgeting and managing your money
- ✓ Providing guidance with debt and repayment issues
- ✓ Accessing local services and community support

No question is too small – we're here to make things easier for you and your family.

If you would like to speak with Emma, they will be available at drop-in sessions at Barassie Primary on a bi-monthly basis and the next drop-in sessions will be:

17th February 8:45am – 9:45am

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend during these times you can contact the Team directly by clicking [here](#) and completing our online digital referral form (at the end of the form there is a box you are able to type into please enter the name of the school(s) your child(ren) attends to enable your referral to be allocated to the schools advisor) or you can call 0300 123 0900.

P1-P7 Scottish Poetry Competition

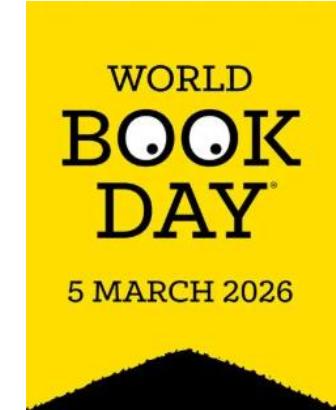
Congratulations to all our finalists in our Scottish Poetry Competition. The standard was excellent on the day, and all children performed their poem very well.

Photographed are our finalists from each class, winners from each class and our whole school winner, Finlay.



World Book Day

The Bookworms and Debbie are busy organising fun activities to celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March 2026**.



More information is



Screens Awareness Week – EYC Workshop

Colleagues from Speech and Language Therapy are delivering a workshop for parents/carers of children in our EYC on Wednesday 4th March at 9:10am.

If you can make it, please enter through the main school doors.



Screens Awareness

Be screen smart

Spark a change for children, young people and their families



Screens awareness aims to raise the profile of the impact screen use has on child development, health and well-being.

Excessive screen time:

can result in less time sleeping, poor sleep quality and excessive daytime sleepiness for children and young people

can lead to lower levels of fitness and greater risk of unhealthy weight in children aged 0-18 years

is linked to low mood and low self esteem in children aged 0-18 years

can impact negatively on social skills and behaviour in children aged 0-7 years

can impact language development when used during the early stages of a child's life

is associated with a smaller vocabulary in children aged 2 when parents or carers spend long periods of time watching TV or on other electronic devices

Screen awareness is an Ayrshire wide campaign led by Speech and Language Therapy, NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Public Health team in collaboration with the Health & Social Care Partnership's in East, North and South.



For more information visit the SLT page on our website by scanning the QR code



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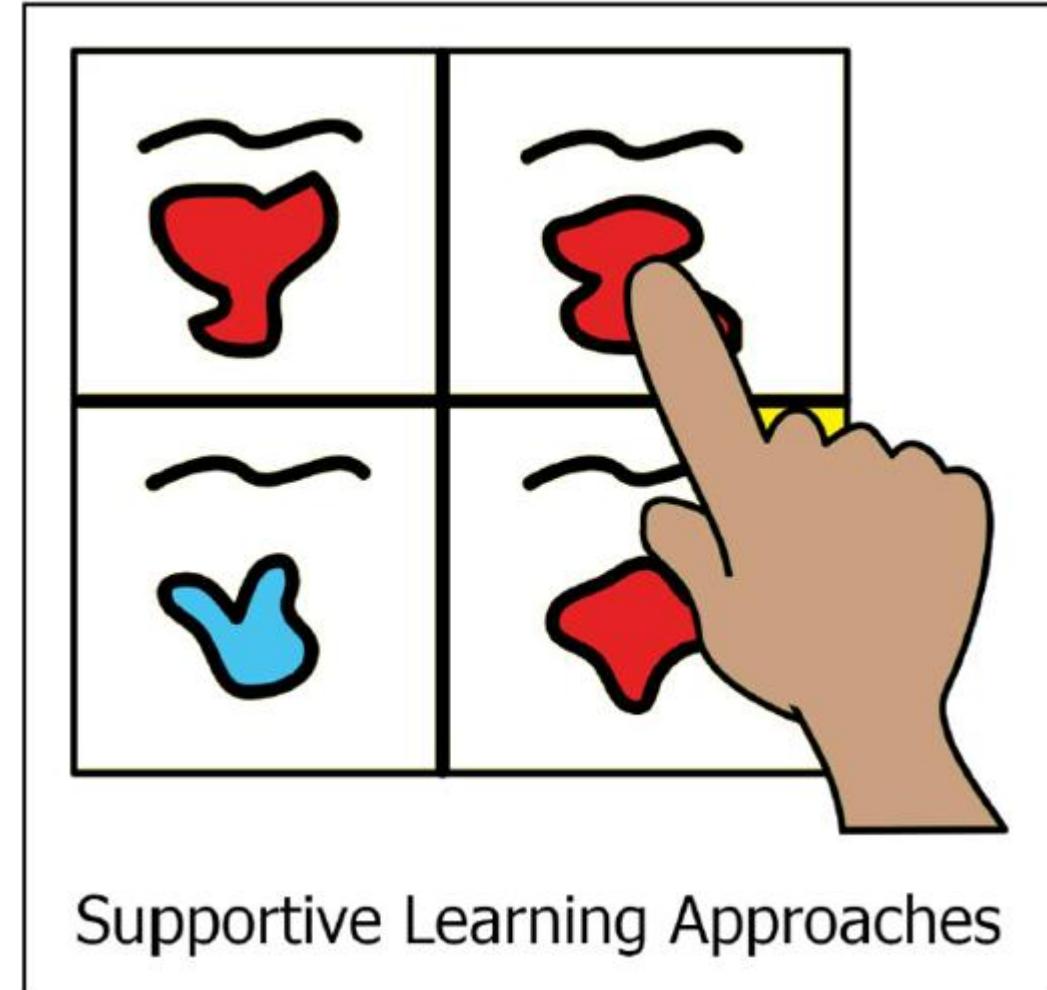
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Communication Friendly Environment

We are delighted to share that our EYC received their 'Supportive Learning Approaches' badge as recognition for their work on Communication Friendly Environments.



Cinema Visits

In March, all classes from P1-P7 will have a cinema visit.

Further information will be shared for individual classes.

There will be no cost to families for this visit.

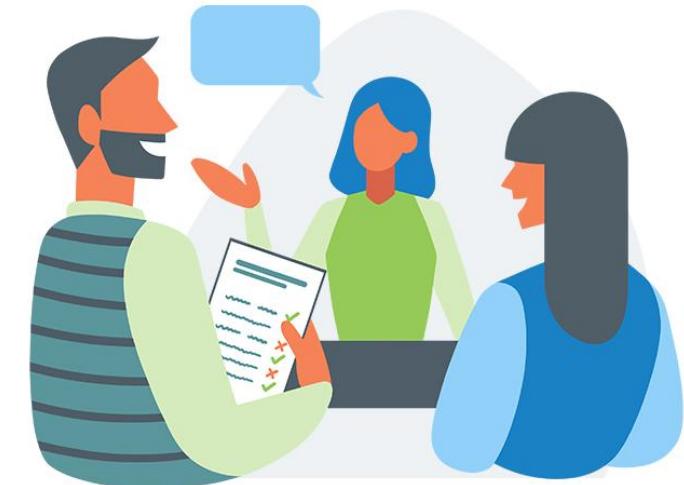


Pupil Progress Meetings

The next opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher is on Wednesday 18th March 2026.

Information on how to book an appointment will follow on Monday 9th March 2026.

If your child has staged intervention paperwork in place, this will also be shared with you at this meeting.



February's Rights of the Month

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I have a right to live with my family if they can keep me safe



Governments should only separate children from their parents if it is the best thing for them.



Governments should make sure children can have contact with their parents if they don't live with them.

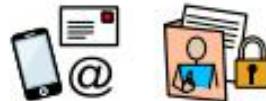


In discussions around separation, children should be given a chance for their views to be taken into account when decisions are made.

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I have the right to keep some things private



There should be laws to make sure a child's diary, online messages and phone calls remain private.

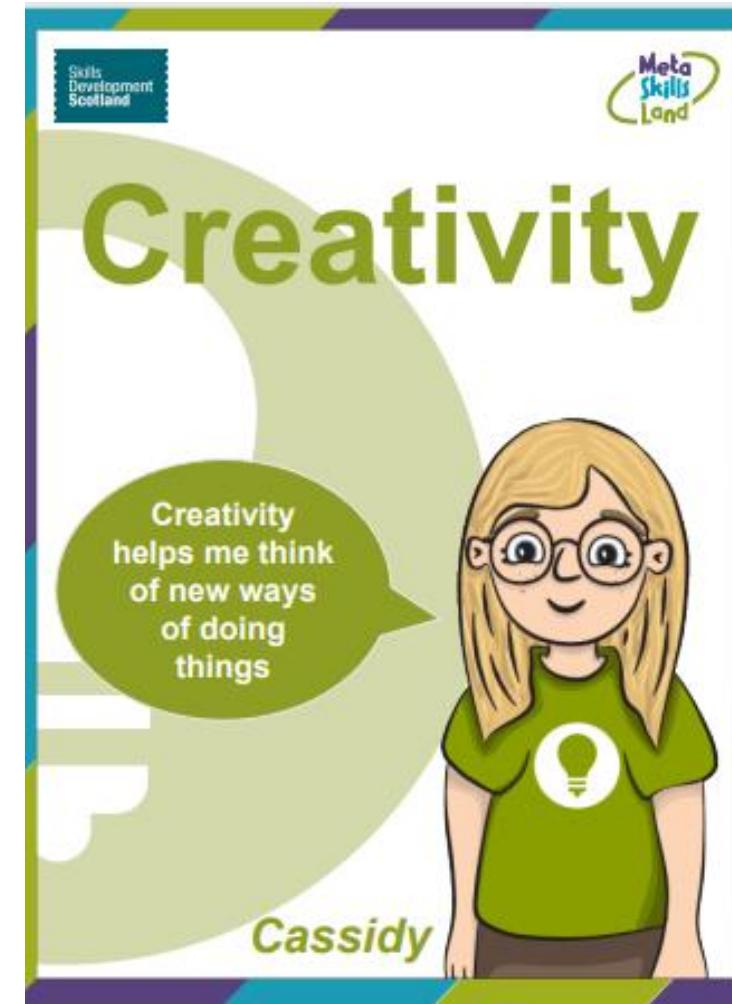


Governments should protect children from attacks against them, their way of life and their home.

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL
Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



February's Meta-skill of the Month



March's Rights of the Month

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I have the right to get information and share my views



Governments should help children get the information they need, and make sure that information they access via the internet or other media is accurate.



Governments should let children access and share information, unless it is damaging to them or someone else.



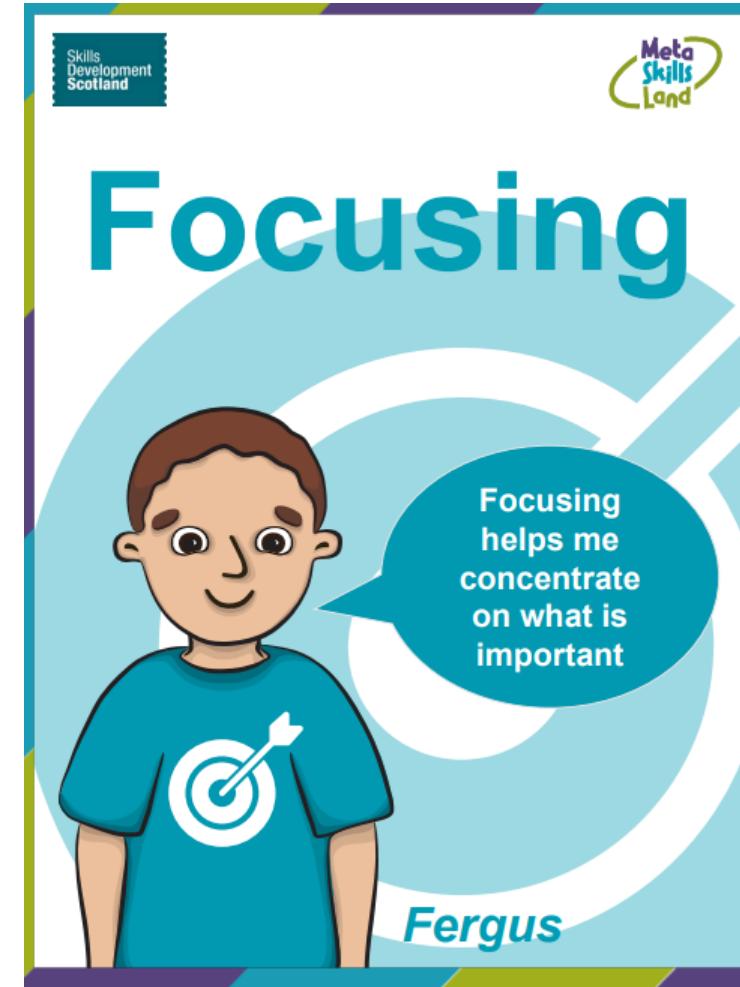
Governments shouldn't stop children from saying what they think.

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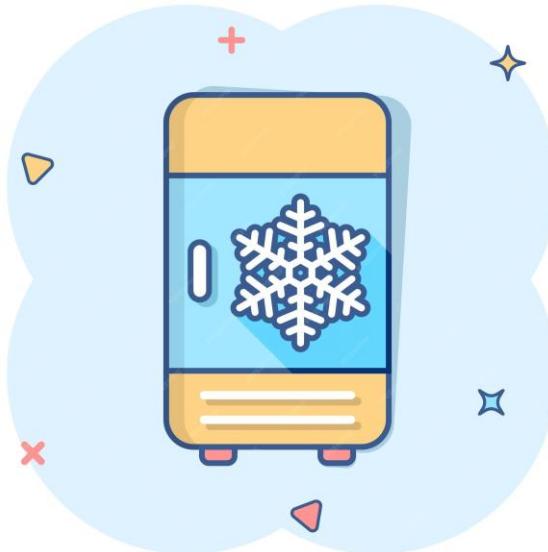
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March's Meta-skill of the Month



Cost of the School Day



Our Community freezer is always stocked with food for families to help themselves as and when required.



Our Parent Council have a uniform badging programme. Just hand in any unbadged uniform you'd like to be badged, and we can do this for a fraction of the cost. We have our Eco-uniform swap shop available in our LLS. Please help yourself.



Please keep your eye on your emails for our bi-monthly Information and Advice Hub drop ins. Emma is on hand to help check your entitlements, advise on budgeting and provide guidance with debt repayment.

Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



Feel Good Friday dates for this session are:

Friday 27th February

Friday 27th March

Friday 24th April

Friday 29th May

Friday 26th June

On a Feel-Good Friday classes will have a focus day on aspects of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum and our Meta-Skills. Children are invited to come to school in comfortable clothing and shoes as they may be exploring the outdoors or be more active on this day.



Easyfundraising

Our Parent Council are registered for Easyfundraising.



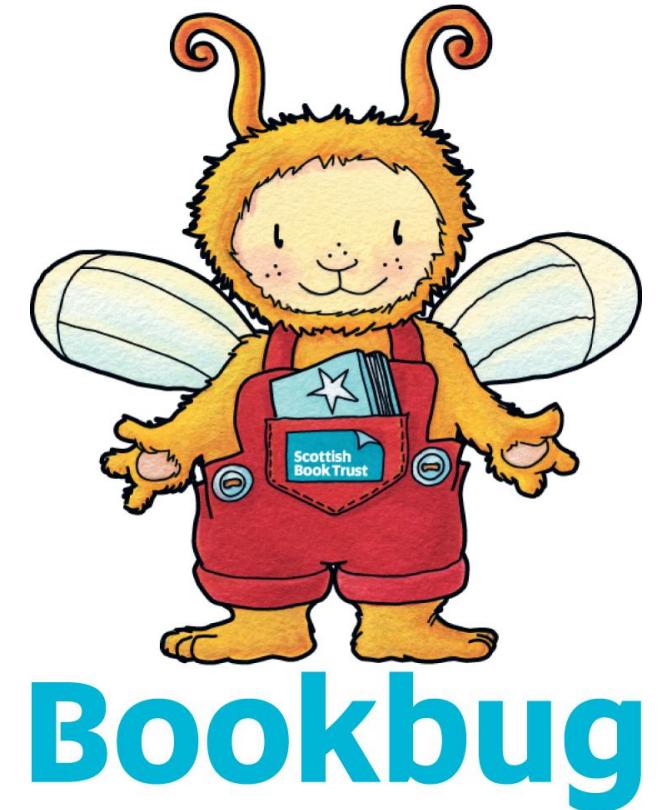
Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

To sign up and start fundraising for our cause (Barassie Primary Parent Council) click the image above for more information.

Bookbug and Family Library

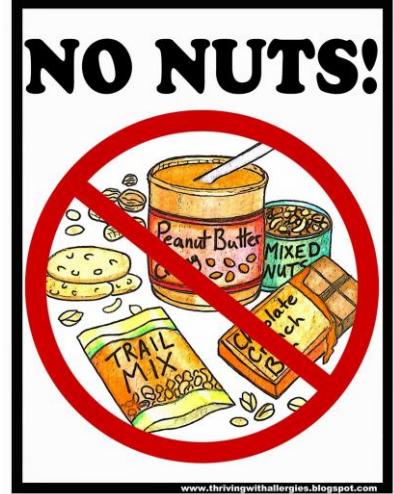
Debbie will continue leading Bookbug for parent/carers to attend with children aged 0-3 on a Friday afternoon from 2pm – 2:30pm.

Please note there will be no Bookbug on the last Friday of each month.



Allergy Aware School and EYC

We are an allergy aware school and EYC.



If your child brings a snack or lunch containing nuts it will be removed from them by a member of school staff and an alternative will be offered.

We appreciate your cooperation with this as it helps us to keep all children safe at school and EYC.

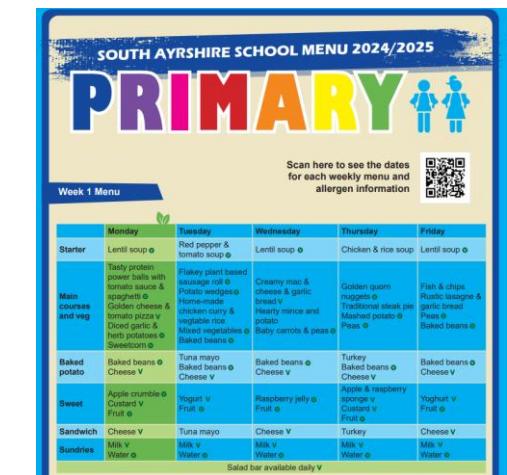
Lunch Menus



You can view South Ayrshire school lunch menus on our website or by following the link below:

[Primary schools menu - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk/primary-schools-menu)

[Early Years Centres menu - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk/early-years-centres-menu)



Free School Meal and Clothing Grants

Free School Meal/Clothing Grant applications for 2025/26 are available here - : [Educational grants - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/Educational%20grants)

The Scottish Government have committed to providing a free school meal to all P1 to P5 pupils, however we are requesting that parents/carers who meet the eligibility criteria submit an application as this information will be used to pay free school meal payments during school holiday periods.

Please note that Clothing Grant eligibility criteria is now in line with the Criteria for Free School Meals. Information can be found using the link above.

If you need help with your application, you can call 0300 123 0900 to speak to a customer service advisor.

Children in P6 and P7 are charged 35p for milk.

Please note that applications need to be completed each school year and do not automatically continue.

You must apply each year.

School Car Park

Please refrain from using the school and EYC car parks for dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the school day.

School and EYC car parks are strictly for staff, blue badge holders and visitors.

Thank you for helping keep all children safe on their way to and from school.



**NO
VEHICLE
ENTRY**

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Communication



Please inform the office of any changes to telephone numbers, home addresses or email addresses to ensure you can be contacted and to receive regular communication from us.

Day to day communication with class teachers will take place through Seesaw. Teachers will respond at appropriate times to messages but please be aware these are not monitored out with working hours and be mindful that teachers are most likely teaching the class for large parts of the school day. **Information about absences, meeting/telephone requests or appointments should continue to be reported to the school office.**

When requesting a meeting about your child, please do so with their class teacher in the first instance. **Please note that Mrs Mills and Mrs Fleming do not monitor their messages on Seesaw. All messages for them should go via the school office.**

At times, there is only one member of our clerical team in the office. As they have other duties to undertake throughout the school your call may not always be answered. If this is the case, please use the voicemail option and someone will get back to you.

Contact Us

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