



BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL



School Handbook 2019-2020



Balfron High School



Stirling Council

Schools, Learning and Education

Stirling Council is committed to working in partnership with our communities to deliver the best possible services for all who live and work in the Stirling area.

We have a clear focus on achieving the highest standards in our schools and nurseries so that the children, young people and citizens of Stirling benefit from first class services.

Education is key to every child's future and enables us to create a fairer and more inclusive society, where our young people secure positive destinations when they leave school.

We attach great importance to lifelong learning, giving children the best possible start in life from nursery, through school, to life beyond school.

We want all children and young people growing up in Stirling to be: safe and happy; listened to and respected; engaging in a wide range of active learning opportunities; and achieving positive outcomes.

We will realise this ambition by putting children and young people first, promoting inclusion and delivering high quality services.

The needs of our children and young people will be best met by working effectively together with parents, carers and a range of partners. We want parents and carers to be involved in their children's learning.

We look forward to working with you, as your child embarks on their transition to a new school.

Kevin Kelman
Chief Education Officer
Stirling Council
November 2018



Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to introduce the Balfron High School prospectus for 2019-20. The purpose is to give an insight into our aims, organisation and a flavour of everyday life at our school.

At Balfron High School we have a strong ethos of attainment and achievement in all aspects of school life. We are committed to recognising and celebrating the success of our young people. The curriculum is broad and varied with a wide range of choices for pupils as they move into the senior phase. In addition, we offer a large number of co-curricular activities, at lunchtime and after school, covering a breadth of disciplines.

Balfron High School is a vibrant and caring learning environment where the needs and aspirations of our young people are at the heart of our planning and day to day practice. We are committed to preparing our pupils to the highest standards for life beyond school. We do this by ensuring that relationships between staff and young people are positive, productive and supportive. Our last inspection endorsed this. You can access the full report through our website or directly at: <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/inspectionandreview/reports/school/primsec/BalfronHighSchoolStirling.asp>

I hope that this prospectus will serve to provide a useful initial source of information for those who are making contact with us for the first time, as well as an update for those who already have links with our school. We are keen to develop and maintain the highest standards of communication with you. We will do this via school bag mail, post, e-mail, text or phone. Please do not hesitate to contact the school, your child's Form Class Leader or a member of the Leadership Team for any information or advice.

It is worth noting that the school has a comprehensive website www.balfronhigh.org.uk that also holds key information. The more technologically adventurous are invited to follow us on twitter (@balfronhigh). The twitter account holds all the daily notices and successes.

I believe that a strong partnership with parents/carers is a crucial factor in safeguarding the success of our young people. I look forward to working with you to ensure that your child is given every opportunity to achieve at Balfron High School.



Elaine Bannatyne
Head Teacher



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AIMS OF BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL

To provide a learning environment that gives all young people the opportunity to become

- Successful learners**
- Confident individuals**
- Responsible citizens and**
- Effective contributors to society**

Successful learners

With

- Enthusiasm and motivation for learning
- Determination to reach high standards of achievement.
- Openness to new thinking and ideas

And able to:

- Use literacy, communication and numeracy skills
- 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

Confident individuals

With

- Self respect
- A sense of physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- Secure values and beliefs.
- Ambition

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 take informed decisions
- Achieve success in different areas of activity

To

enable all
young people to

become

Responsible citizens

With

- Respect to others
- Commitment to participate responsibly in political, economic, social and cultural like

And able to:

- Develop knowledge and understanding of the world and Scotland's place in it
- Understand different beliefs and cultures
- Make informed choices and decisions
- Evaluate environmental, scientific and technological issues
- Develop informed, ethical views of complex issues

Effective contributors

With

- An enterprising attitude
- Resilience
- Self-reliance

And able to:

- Communicate in different ways and in different settings
- Work in partnership and in teams
- Take the initiative and lead
- Apply critical thinking in new contexts
- Create and develop
- Solve problems



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TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Balfron High School is a 6year comprehensive school. It is co-educational and non- denominational.

Transition from primary 7 (P7) to secondary 1 (S1) is an important event for all children. For some it is a time of great anxiety, for others a time of great excitement. For all it is a time of great opportunity, - the chance to make new friends, try some new subjects, learn in new ways, and experience a different school day.

In order to make the process as smooth as possible, we work closely with all of our cluster primary schools prior to transition. Some of the activities we engage in are detailed below.

Special enhanced transition groups are already working to support children who may be especially anxious about or have difficulties in the transition process. In early February, details are requested from primary school about the number of pupils in each P7 class and whether any of the children are placing requests. It is important to note that any pupil who has a place at a cluster primary school via a placing request, is not automatically accepted into Balfron High School – a placing request must also be made for a high school place, if the child does not live in the catchment area.

During the period February to May, there will be a series of visits by High School staff to P7 classes. The Head Teacher, will visit all classes at the start of this process. All classes will also be visited by a member of Support for Learning and one of the Deputes or Principal Teachers. All pupils will have the chance to meet some S1 pupils during these visits.

Classes for S1 will be made up of a mix of pupils from across the spread of schools. We encourage all pupils to have a positive approach to a new start with a new group of friends in S1. At the beginning of May, the class lists will be shared with Primary Head Teachers and they will have a chance to comment and make changes, based on their knowledge of peer relationships.

There is a residential experience for all in S1 in September to further support transition. We believe that this is a critical factor in making forged – the transition to Balfron High successful as positive relationships are between pupils and staff and among classmates.

The Associated Primary Schools for Balfron High School are:-

Balfron Primary	Buchlyvie Primary	Strathblane Primary.
Drymen Primary	Fintry Primary	
Kippen Primary	Killearn Primary	

SCHOOL ROLL FIGURES

The roll of the school in September 2018 was 848, broken down by year groups as follows: NOTE: S1 means first year, and so on.

S1: 152 S2: 149 S3: 135 S4: 163 S5:138 S6:111

S1 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY DAY TO AUCHENGILLAN

The S1 outdoor activity is an important part of the transition process. The aims are:

- To provide pupils with a day of enjoyable outdoor activities
- To give them the opportunity to learn new skills
- To enhance their personal and social development
- To build links, relationships and a strong, positive ethos in each of the Houses
- To develop some important core skills such as that of working with others



BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE STRUCTURE

There are three Houses: Campsie, Endrick and Lomond

Campsie refers to the link with the hills, which rise above the school, and its colour is green to represent the hills.

Endrick comes from the river which flows through the area, and the house colour is blue, to represent the river.

Lomond is both the mountain (Ben) and Loch of that name, and its colour is red, to symbolise the beautiful sunsets in the Western sky, which often illuminate the Loch and silhouette the Ben.

Every Form Class is supported by a Form Class Leader who, where possible, follows the class through school years. Every Form Class belongs to one of the three Houses and is assigned a 'Home Area'. There are six Home Areas in the school. A vitally important part of the Form Class Leader/Pupil Support teacher's role is to encourage all pupils to achieve their maximum potential in terms of personal and academic achievement. They meet each morning for registration. More importantly the form class leader develops a strong relationship with their form class and is responsible for monitoring their progress, recognising their achievements and providing pastoral support for these pupils. Form Class Leaders have a responsibility for giving parents, as well as pupils in their class, advice or support regarding progress, attainment, career and course choice, as well as support in personal, emotional or health matters in S1. Form Class Leaders also teach their own group of pupils Personal and Social Education in addition to their own subject S1 to S3. This is a commitment to building strong relationships between Form Class Leaders and pupils.

The Form Class Leaders (S1 – S5) are managed by their Principal Teacher (Learning and Teaching / Pastoral Care). Sixth year students will be supported by their Principal Teacher (Learning and Teaching / Pastoral Care).

Linked to each house, there are four Principal Teachers of Pupil Support under the leadership of a Depute Head Teacher. One Principal Teacher of Staged Intervention who has specialist expertise provides support to all pupils on Stage 3 or 4. All of these Principal Teachers provide support for the form class leaders where necessary.

Interhouse House Champions for 2017-18 – Campsie House





HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Strong and positive partnership between parents and school is essential if pupils are to develop their full potential. If a parent feels concern at any time regarding the progress or general well-being of a child, the appropriate Form Class Leader should be contacted. If, during the session, it is felt that any pupil is underachieving because of effort, or lack of application, or if a pupil's behaviour falls below the standard expected, the parent will be contacted and may be asked to come to school to discuss the problem in order to agree and plan towards improvement.

Parents of S1-S3 are invited to attend the regular review meetings between the pupil and the Form Class Leader or support teacher (if a child has been identified with additional support needs) and are strongly encouraged to do so.

Parents can call to speak to their child's Form Class Leader at any time.

PUPIL SUPPORT

Every child and young person is entitled to personal support to enable them to gain as much as possible from the opportunities which Curriculum for Excellence can provide.

The Pupil Support team works hard to safeguard this.

All of us have learning needs at one time or another. For our pupils, this may be due to a need for temporary support due to absence or due to having a problem with a particular aspect of learning. Equally, it may be due to being gifted and needing additional challenge. Very often, and in the first instance, the necessary support will be provided by the subject teacher in the class. It may be that a pupil has a specific learning need and he or she will require support throughout their time in school, including special arrangements for national examinations.

At Balfron High School, there are specialist Support for Learning teachers and assistants who work with pupils and spend part of their time assisting pupils in mainstream classes, working along with subject teachers. Some of their time is also spent working with individual or small groups of pupils for special short-term or long-term tuition. They also provide a consultancy service to other members of staff, advising on how best to support the needs of individual pupils. Finally, they maintain important links with partners, such as the associated primary schools, or Psychological Services.

Teachers also have the help of Support for Learning Assistants. These assistants provide support to individual pupils in mainstream classes.



ATTENDANCE

It is important that the school and parents work together to achieve good attendance as there is a strong link between good attendance and achievement. The school aims to encourage attendance by creating a welcoming and supporting ethos. If there are difficulties with your child's attendance, the school will contact you to discuss ways of resolving this.

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or for any other reason, we ask that parents should notify the school as early as possible in the school day via the absence line (01360 441616).

Parents should also give careful consideration to the impact on a child's education of taking holidays during term time. All schools are required to record attendance and absence of pupils and report on these figures to parents, the Council and the Scottish Government.

The Scottish Government's guidance – Included, Engaged and Involved: Attendance in Scottish Schools - issued to all local authorities in December 2007 provides guidance on how attendance and absence at school is recorded. This document clarifies that the majority of family holidays taken during term time will be categorised as **unauthorised absence** and that schools may only authorise a family holiday during term time under very exceptional circumstances.

Regular attendance scans are undertaken by the management team. When a child's attendance drops below 90%, parents will be notified by letter and asked to contact the Form Class Leader about how best to support your child's progress.

Persistent late coming also causes regular interruptions for some classes. It disrupts learning and teaching not only for the latecomer but for the whole class.

At no time during the school day should a child be removed by a parent from the school without informing the staff of the school. This includes lunchtime "disappearances". If a child is reported missing, we will try to contact the parents or we will ask for help from the emergency contact or neighbours. If we fail to locate the child the Police will be informed. Please help us to keep your child safe. Poor attendance falls into the Council's Staged Intervention Framework and action will be taken to address patterns of poor attendance.

ABSENCE ALERT SYSTEM

Balfron High operates a first-day absence alert system. This means that parents/carers of any child absent from school without prior warning will be contacted via text, e-mail or voice message to alert them to their child's absence. A return message is requested to confirm awareness of the absence and to provide a reason. The aim of this system is to improve the accuracy and effectiveness of our attendance monitoring.

We request that, if your child is unable to attend school, you contact the absence line on **01360 441616** to inform us of the reason for absence and the likely date of return of your child. An absence note signed by the parent/carer including the reason for absence should be passed to the child's Form Class Leader on return to school. Should a pupil's number of absences or pattern of absences give cause for concern, parents will be contacted to request parental co-operation and involvement, to discover the reason for the pupil's absences and to ensure that normal attendance at school is resumed if absence has been for reasons other than medical.

HEALTH CARE

A Health Promoting Community

The school has been awarded level 2 accreditation as a Health Promoting School. An important part of this initiative is to encourage pupils to adopt a healthy, balanced diet. A second aspect of the initiative is to encourage a commitment to personal well-being through exercise and fitness. There is an Active Schools Co-ordinator with the remit of increasing pupil and staff participation in sports and leisure activities. The third strand is to develop healthy attitudes to the use of alcohol and drugs. Finally, foundation of the healthy school will be healthy positive relationships throughout the school community. To be truly effective, the school must also recruit the support and involvement of parents and the wider community in the initiative.



Administration of medicines

From time to time there may be the need for your child to receive medicines during the school day. All prescribed medication should be brought to school by the parent/carer and given to Reception. An appropriate form will be issued for the parent/guardian to complete and return as soon as possible.

Any requirement to give prescribed medication must be accompanied by clear, written signed instruction from the parent/carer.

Parents should note that school staff are not allowed to administer any kind of medication to pupils unless parental permission has been given and the necessary medication has been provided in its original container with the chemist's instructions label attached.

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Your child's contact details will be transferred to Balfroun High School at the start of the new session. It is important that these contact details are accurate and up-to-date. In addition to schoolbag mail, we regularly communicate with parents through e-mail and text. **Please alert us to any changes in your details.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM



The School Uniform consists of:

- A school blazer
- A standard white school shirt, this must be plain with a collar suitable for the wearing of a tie
- A school tie
- A plain black v-neck sweater or a plain black school cardigan
- Black trousers or black skirt

(No Jeans)

Please note: Trousers and skirts should be an appropriate style and length for school.

- Black shoes – shoes should be an appropriate style for school.
- Dark outer jacket – outerwear only. Must be removed when inside school.

Unacceptable Clothing

- Jeans, jeans like materials, skinny jeans, combat trousers.
- Hoodies
- Denim Jackets
- Tracksuits, jogging bottoms.
- Trainers (all black including laces are accepted)
- Very short skirts, bodycon skirts
- Shorts
- Footless tights or leggings

Physical Education Classes

For indoor activities pupils should:

- Wear the appropriate footwear with laces tied.
- Wear black/white/navy t-shirts with short or long sleeves.
- Wear black or navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts.
- Remove all jewellery and watches.

For Outdoor physical activities pupils should:

- Wear appropriate footwear, metal studded boots for grass and moulded studs for Astroturf.
- Wear black/white/navy t-shirts.
- Wear black/white/navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts.
- Bring a towel for a shower if necessary.
- Waterproof jacket if required.

For Swimming lessons pupils should:

- Remove all jewellery and metal hair clips.
- Bring goggles/towel and shampoo.
- Girls should: wear a swim suit (not bikini).



School blazers can be purchased from Trutex, 35B Argyle Street, Glasgow G2 8AH ([e-mail glasgow@trutex.com](mailto:glasgow@trutex.com)) or online at Border-Embroideries.co.uk School ties can be purchased from the school.



THE CURRICULUM

Curriculum for Excellence

The Curriculum for Excellence aims to achieve a transformation in education in Scotland by providing a coherent, more flexible and enriched curriculum from 3 to 18, firmly focussed on the needs of the child and young person and designed to enable them to develop the four capacities.

- Successful Learners
- Confident Individuals
- Responsible Citizens
- Effective Contributors

Every child and young person is entitled to expect their education to provide them with:

- A curriculum which is coherent from 3 to 18
- A broad general education, including well planned experiences and outcomes across all curriculum areas from early years through to S3
- A senior phase of education after S3 which provides opportunities to obtain qualifications as well as to develop the four capacities.
- Opportunities to develop skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work (including career planning skills) with a continuous focus on literacy, numeracy and health and well being
- Personal support to enable them to gain as much as possible from the opportunities which curriculum for excellence can provide
- Support in moving into positive destinations beyond school

The curriculum provided:

- Provides progression from the primary curriculum
- Builds on existing achievement
- Allows pupils to progress at an appropriate rate

Pupils in S1, S2 and S3 will follow a broad and general course which covers 8 main curricular areas:

- Expressive Arts
- Health and Wellbeing
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Religious and Moral Education
- Sciences
- Social Studies
- Technologies

Detailed information on Curriculum for Excellence can be found on the Curriculum section of the website, and on the Education Scotland website, at

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/thecurriculum/whatiscurriculumforexcellence/index.asp>

Almost all classes are in mixed ability sets, in which teachers take account of the differing needs and abilities of their pupils.

Curriculum

All pupils in first and second year for session 2019/2020 are studying the following:
 The curriculum was reviewed and updated for June 2018.
 Every year group has 25 minutes of Form Class 4 days per week (not Tuesdays).

S1

Periods	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	English				Maths				French			Social		Science			
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
	BDT			PE		HE		Music		Art		RE	PSE	ICT			

S2

Periods	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	English				Maths				Mod Lang			Social subjects				
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Science				D and T			CS	Mus	Art	RE	PSE	PE		HE	

The Broad General Education (S1-2)

Science, Social Subjects & Business Technology are taught as integrated subjects in S1 with a class having the same teacher for the whole year. In S2, these are taught as discrete subjects - Science, (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), Social Subjects (Geography, History and Modern Studies), with each subject taught in rotation by a subject specialist. Technology (Practical Craft Skills, Graphic Communication and Design Technology) are taught 1 period a week each with a different teacher allocated to each subject period. In Modern Languages, all pupils study French in S1 and will experience some teaching in Spanish and German before making choices for S3.

All pupils will also follow a core programme of Personal and Social Education (PSE), Religious Education (RE) and Physical Education (PE). The PSE programme is delivered by the Form Class Leader.

The Broad General Education (S3)

From June 2018, all S3 pupils will continue to study English and maths and will also study 9 chosen subjects. These subjects will be chosen from across all curricular areas maintaining breadth as well as allowing for depth of study. All pupils will continue follow a core programme of PSE, RE and PE. Pupils will then choose to continue with 5 of their 9 chosen subjects into S4 in 2019/20.

S3

Periods	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
	English				Maths				sub 1		sub 2		sub 3				
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	sub 4		sub 5		sub 6		sub 7		sub 8		sub 9		PSE	PE	RE	Leadership	

Senior Phase

The S4 curriculum is shown below:

Periods	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	English				Maths				Col C				Col D			
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Col E				Col F				Col G				PE	RE/PSE		

- 3 columns in S4-6 will be timetabled together to allow mixed stage National Courses

Towards the middle of S3, with support and advice, pupils opt into seven National Qualification courses. The current courses available for study at National 3, 4 and 5 are:

Art & Design, Biology, Business Management, Chemistry, Computing, Design & Manufacture, Engineering Science, English, French, German, Geography, Graphic Communication, History, Mathematics, Modern Studies, Music, Music Technology, Physical Education (PE), Physics, Practical Woodworking and Spanish. Some pupils attend Forth Valley College as part of the SCOTS programme, (this is with guidance only).

All pupils study English, Mathematics, and core PE, RE, and PSE.

At the end of S4, most pupils will be presented for seven National Qualifications accredited by the SQA.

*Please note, subject availability is dependent on staffing

The S5 curriculum is shown below:

Periods	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Col A						Col B						Col C					
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					
	Col D						Col E						HWB					

Pupils entering S5 must study five subjects. The aim is to have progression from the course of study in S4, and to reflect the strengths, interests and career aspirations of the pupil. The courses offered are at National 4, 5, and Higher level. In addition to continuing with courses from S4 new courses for S5 are Dance, Energy, Enterprise and Employability and RMPS offered at various levels.

All pupils in S5 and S6 will have one period of Health & Wellbeing each week.

The S6 Curriculum is shown below:

Periods	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Col A						Col B						Col C					
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					
	Col D						Study						HWB					

In S6, all of the above levels and courses previously mentioned for S5 are available with the addition of Higher Sociology, and various sports courses. Advanced Higher level is offered in most subjects wherever possible, which extends and deepens thinking and prepares pupils well for university. One column is a study column.



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In S6 there are Leadership opportunities available for all, as well as work experience options which include volunteering in a primary school, the local community or supporting teachers in younger classes; reading and scribing for younger pupils, paired reading, eco schools, flexible learning courses including language, involvement in the yearbook, charities committee, Duke of Edinburgh. The range of additional opportunities can change from year to year. This gives an opportunity to further develop valuable skills for learning, life and work.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHOOSING COURSES

At the end of S2, S3, S4 & S5, pupils are assisted in making appropriate choices, through a programme of assessment, advice and consultation. We are committed to inviting parents to attend interviews with FCLs from S1 to S3.

The school ensures that all pupils receive the best possible personal and professional advice. Information for all S3, S4 and for S5/S6 courses on offer are provided on our website.

The process of choosing a course is introduced at a parents' information meeting with the management team in February for pupils. Pupils and parents are given information on the range of subjects available and the process of selecting subjects. The next stage involves advice to pupils on course choices during Personal and Social Education (PSE) lessons, over a period of several weeks.

Every year pupils receive a detailed report on their performance in each subject. At a meeting between the pupil, parent and Form Class Leader the pupil's choice of subjects is discussed. Every pupil studies English and Mathematics in S4 as well as core PE, RME and PSE.

Thereafter, pupils are given a free choice for the four remaining subjects. The pupils are asked to choose their subjects and list them in order of priority from one to four. The pupils are also asked to choose an alternative sixth subject in the event that the lowest priority choice cannot be fitted into a timetable format. If this sixth subject is needed, discussion will take place between the school, pupil and parents. Other sources of information can be obtained from the Depute Head Teacher, Principal Teacher of Pupil Support and the Learning Support Teacher for the house. Thereafter, each pupil receives confirmation of his/her course for the following year. For S5 and S6, there is a requirement to study 5 subjects in S5 and a minimum of 4 subjects in S6. Similar free choice arrangements are in place. Updated curriculum information is available from February.

VISITS AND EXCURSIONS

The geographical location of the school offers unrivalled opportunities, which are fully exploited.

The school is located in the heart of the Scottish countryside with Loch Lomond, the Trossachs, and the Campsie and Perthshire hills all close at hand and yet within easy reach of the technological and cultural facilities of Stirling, Glasgow and Edinburgh. In addition, several longer excursions are offered. Prior to each activity outwith school, parental consent is required - this is arranged via a parental consent form issued to pupils by the member of staff in charge.

Music Trip to Lockerbie



Learning songs for our Christmas Concert Remembrance service and various ceremonies then off to go kayaking, archery and canoeing.

S1 History Trip to Bannockburn



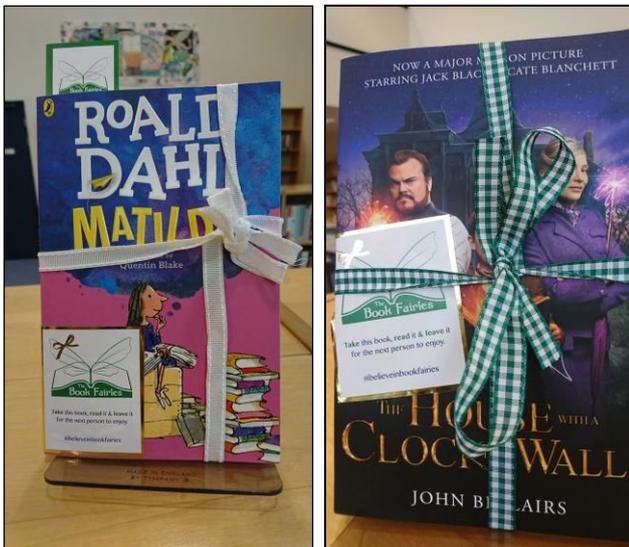
RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

The school has responsibility to provide the opportunity for religious observance. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from religious observance. The school will make arrangements to provide children and young people from religions other than Christianity with opportunities to observe the conditions of religious festivals e.g. Ramadan.

THE LIBRARY

The Library is an essential source of information and support in all areas of the school curriculum. The librarian provides an invaluable resources service. A structured programme for developing learning and study skills introduces pupils to the use of the library early in their secondary career. Pupils may use the library at lunchtimes, a different year group having access each day. The facilities in the Library, as in all areas of the school, include access to iPads with controlled internet access.

Book Fairy deliveries



Chess at lunchtime in the Library



INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

The school is served by visiting tutors who provide instruction in piano, strings, woodwind, brass, bagpipes, percussion, guitar and singing. Demand in some areas is sometimes greater than staff and instrument availability. There is a scale of charges for this service which can be obtained from the Stirling Council web site. No charges are made for candidates following SQA courses.

There is a School Orchestra, which rehearses after school on Wednesdays. There are also smaller groups, such as the Jazz Band, Woodwind Ensemble, Brass Group, String Group, Fiddle Group and Junior and Senior Choirs.

School pipers perform regularly at gala days and local village events. The young pipers are also encouraged to join a pipe band, giving them the opportunity to participate in competitive piping.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

Vocational or careers advice is part of the Personal and Social Education programme in the school during years 1-6. Aileen Crawford, our Careers Adviser, is available every week in school. Her visits are co-ordinated with the Careers Education programme.

Career planning assistance can then be provided in a number of different ways:-

- A short session with the Careers Adviser on a one-to-one basis to answer questions or provide signposting.
- A more in-depth session with the Careers Adviser, along with other pupils.
- Help to access information on the internet.

Links are maintained with universities and colleges of further education and university or college liaison officers visit the school annually, to give information and advice to pupils. In September of each year, S4, S5 and S6 pupils have the opportunity to go to a higher education convention. Information about university and college open days is passed to pupils.

STUDY SUPPORT

The school has an inclusive study support programme, which provides support for pupils at different stages. In first year, all pupils benefit from a week's residential experience, which aims to enhance their achievement in the core skills of problem solving, communication and working with others. Support may be offered early in the first term to those pupils who have not had the opportunity to be involved in French classes in their primary school.

In second year, pupils are helped to improve their learning techniques, through a programme of study skills, delivered as part of the Personal and Social Education (PSE) course. This continues in S3 and S4. Teachers may also provide support within their subject. This is provided on a voluntary basis and an extensive programme takes place at lunch time or after school.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

In addition to career education, there is a programme of health and social education, In S1 to S4 each pupil has a timetabled Personal and Social Education (PSE) period in which these three main strands are taught. In fifth and sixth years, a programme of events and assemblies throughout the session deals with the central themes of the PSE programme and other aspects are covered in subject classes. Considerable importance is placed on Study Skills as an essential element of the learning skills of every pupil as mentioned above. Drugs and alcohol awareness and healthy lifestyles are important aspects of the health education programme.

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Trust – Finance workshops

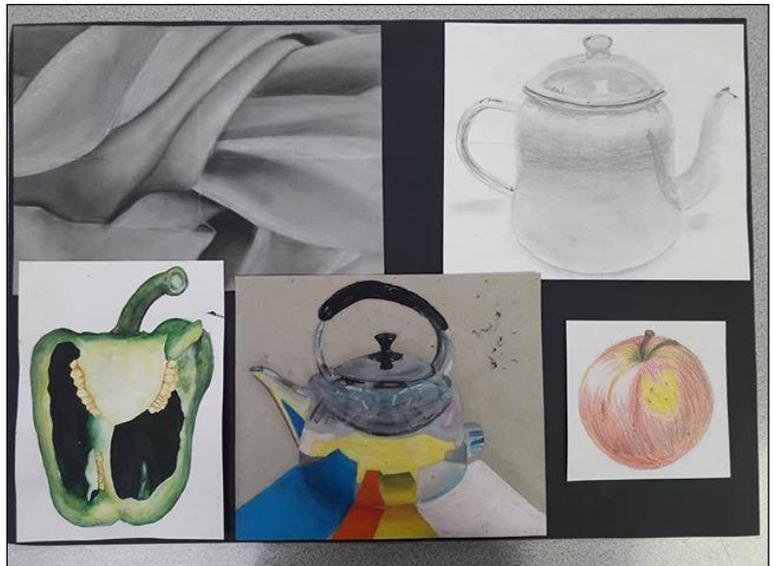


CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra Curricular Activities

There is a wide range of flourishing clubs and societies in the school, and an extensive range of weekly inter-house competitions. The majority of these take place after school, but there are many activities also organised by members of the staff during lunchtimes. Every pupil is encouraged to participate during their years in the school. Pupils develop skills, and enjoy participating in these co-curricular activities and the school encourages pupils to become involved in them. Pictured below.

Art & Design



Music Club



Dungeons and Dragons Club



SCHOOL CONCERTS / PRODUCTIONS

Normally, there are several productions per year. The Music Team organise concerts in December and June when the instrumental and vocal work of the session is showcased. A school production takes place regularly along with drama productions.

A pupil led production of
Midsummer's Night Dream



This session the school show was My Fair Lady





THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Each year around 60 pupils also take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme with some pupils gaining awards at bronze and silver level. This is run by the Balfron Award Group in partnership with the school.

WORK EXPERIENCE

All fourth year pupils are given the opportunity and are expected to take part in the school's Work Experience programme.

The school works closely with local employers who participate in this scheme, which gives pupils an opportunity to experience the world of work in a range of local contexts.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Eco Schools

Balfron High School has achieved the top Eco-Schools award, the Green Flag. A second Green Flag was awarded in 2009, a third followed in November 2011, another in March 2014 and most recently an interim update resulted a fifth green flag.

A large part of the success is our whole school approach to the projects we run. Some of these projects have seen us install wind turbines, recycle plastic and paper, organise the Shoebox Appeal and Fairtrade to name but a few. The projects are run by the pupils and reviewed in December to make sure that they are on track, and again in May to see what has been achieved.

Global Citizenship

Balfron is proud to have developed a partnership with Robert Laws Secondary School in the Northern region of Malawi. The partnership aims to dispel misconceptions about life in both countries and improve the quality of education for both sets of pupils. There are currently four agreed aspects to the partnership:

- Exchange visits
- Fundraising
- Cultural and curricula aspects
- Publicity

We last hosted a visit of teachers and pupils in October / November 2014.

The visits have informed and enriched the citizenship experiences of pupils throughout both schools and our communities. There are opportunities for all pupils to be involved with the partnership in both schools through classroom based learning activities.

Pupil Voice

Head Prefects and Senior Prefects with the support of the Senior Leadership Team, run regular pupil councils. Items are raised, highlighted and feedback through Form Class time and assemblies. All pupils' views are sought on a regular basis, both from staff and from sixth year. The views inform future planning of the school.

House Captains

There is a comprehensive programme of inter-house activities that are run weekly. Monthly House Assemblies led by House Captains, encourage, motivate and feedback to pupils on events.

The Prefects

All sixth year pupils are entitled to apply for the post of school prefect. They must complete an application form showing their commitments. The application for prefectship will be granted if there has been a good record of effort and commitment to the school in previous years. If there have been concerns, these sixth year students will not be granted prefectship. Application for prefectship can be made again and will be considered at the beginning of each month and will be granted when he/she demonstrates the values and attitudes that are required for prefectship. Every prefect must also agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Prefect's Contract which requires them to contribute to the smooth running of the school and support the positive ethos which involves their attendance at school functions such as Parents' Evenings, and lays down appropriate standards of dress and behaviour. Some prefects are directly elected as senior prefects for each home area.

Four prefects are elected by their peers and the staff as Head Girl, Head Boy and their Deputies (Head Prefects). They are expected to organise the prefect system and to represent the school on formal occasions. Six prefects are elected as House Captains to organise the inter-house activities.



Head Girl Head Boy Depute Head Boy Depute Head Girl

Anna McDonald Jamie Cushing Harry McCarron Cara Begbie

PARENT COUNCIL

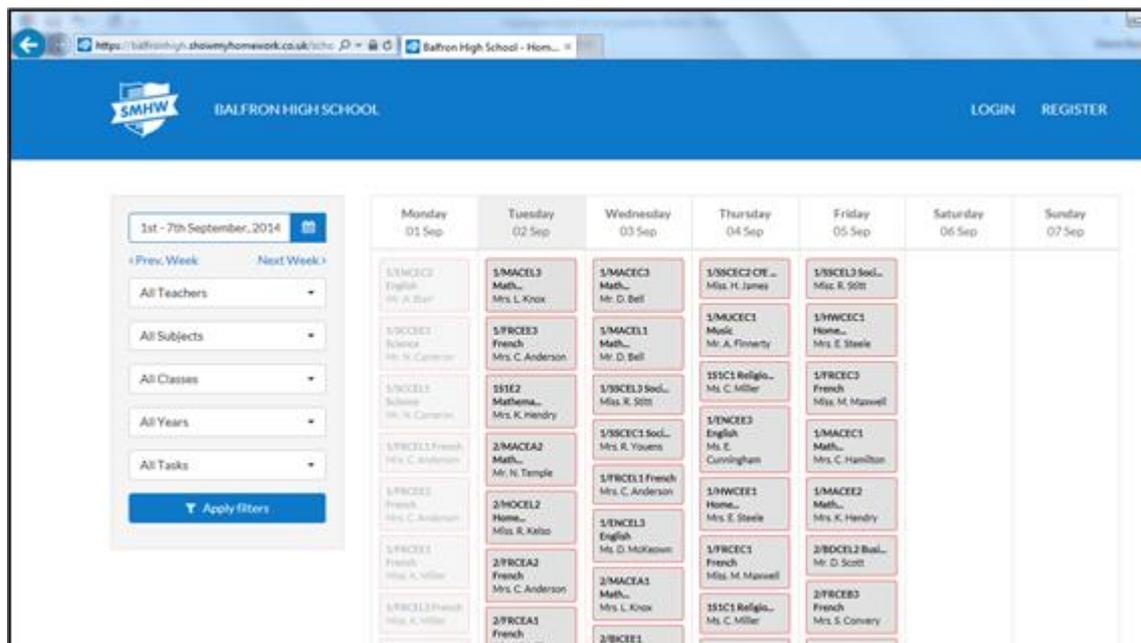
Parents, carers and family members are important influences on children's lives. Research shows that when parents are involved in their child's learning, children do better at school and throughout life. The role of the Parent Council is to:

- Support the school in its work with pupils.
- Represent the views of all parents.
- Encourage links between the school, parents and pupils.
- Report back to the Parent Forum.

HOMEWORK

Our Homework Policy and subject homework information are on the school website, although this is currently being reviewed and updated.

This session we are using showmyhomework.com as a tool to support organisation and communication between school and home. This can be accessed by parents without the need for a username or password.



Monday 01 Sep	Tuesday 02 Sep	Wednesday 03 Sep	Thursday 04 Sep	Friday 05 Sep	Saturday 06 Sep	Sunday 07 Sep
1/1NCE2 English Mr. R. Blair	1/1MACE3 Math. Mrs. L. Knox	1/1MACE3 Math. Mr. D. Bell	1/1NCE2 CE... Mrs. H. James	1/1NCE3 Sci... Mrs. R. Scott		
1/1NCE2 Science Mr. N. Cameron	1/1NCE3 French Mrs. C. Anderson	1/1MACE1 Math. Mr. D. Bell	1/1MACE1 Music Mr. A. Finerty	1/1NCE1 Home... Mrs. E. Steele		
1/1NCE1 Science Mr. N. Cameron	1/1E2 Maths... Mrs. K. Hendry	1/1NCE3 Sci... Mrs. R. Scott	1/1C1 Religio... Ms. C. Miller	1/1NCE3 French Mrs. M. Maxwell		
1/1NCE3 French Mrs. C. Anderson	2/1MACE2 Math... Mr. N. Temple	1/1NCE1 Sci... Mrs. R. Youens	1/1NCE3 English Mrs. E. Cunningham	1/1MACE1 Math... Mrs. C. Hamilton		
1/1NCE2 French Mrs. C. Anderson	2/1NCE2 Home... Mrs. R. Kelso	1/1NCE1 French Mrs. C. Anderson	1/1NCE1 Home... Mrs. E. Steele	1/1MACE2 Math... Mrs. K. Hendry		
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The following is a summary of the roles and responsibilities of pupils, staff and parents in the policy:

Parents are asked to:

- Support the school by emphasising the importance of homework.
- Read and sign their child's student planner weekly.
- Ensure, that their child completes homework, and where appropriate, assist in its organisation.
- Provide, if possible, somewhere quiet to study.
- Encourage their child to extend learning by studying outside school.

Pupils are expected to:

- use www.showmyhomework.com as a means of organising time and workload.
- complete and hand in homework on time.



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- plan homework in school with study out of school, for example, reading over the notes or work from class and reading ahead.

Teachers will:

- post homework tasks on www.showmyhomework
- ensure that clear instructions are given for each homework task and that pupils understand the nature and purpose of the work issued.
- ensure that work is set appropriate to the pupils' abilities.
- ensure that adequate time is given for completion of homework and the pupils' work is checked and returned within a reasonable time.
- monitor the completion of homework and report to the Form Class Leader, via SEEMIS, if homework is not completed satisfactorily.

RECORDING PUPILS' PROGRESS

Assessments and Examinations

In first, second and third year, pupils' progress is assessed throughout their learning and there are assignments and end of topic tests to further support the evaluation of progress. In fourth, fifth and sixth years, ongoing assessment of learning continues and there are tests closely related to the requirements of the SQA examinations. In S4, in some subjects, some of the assessment for final certification is based on work produced in class or at home. The prelim exams for S4, S5 and S6 take place in January. The actual SQA examinations take place in April, May and June.

Policy on Presentation for Examinations

The school's policy on presentation is to present all pupils for examination who have completed the appropriate course. Any changes to a pupil's proposed examination presentations would only be made after appropriate consultation between the school, pupil and parents

Reporting to Parents

Dates when reports are issued can be found on the school calendar which is available on the school website.

Reports contain detailed information about progress in each subject. There are also Parents Meetings arranged between the pupil, the parent and the Form Class Leader (in S1, S2, S3 and S4) at which achievement, and any barriers to learning are discussed. 'Attainment Alert' letters may be issued at any time if teachers feel that parents need to be informed of a specific issue.



STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR AND GOOD ORDER

Our school ethos is built on positive relationships across the whole school community. We constantly endeavour to provide a positive and vibrant learning environment where there is mutual trust and respect and all members of the community, where staff and students alike accept and meet their responsibilities. The building of positive relationships begins in Form Classes and Home Areas and spreads across all curricular areas. By using praise and encouragement we hope to be successful in creating an environment which enables all of us to be successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

Principles

Our positive behaviour policy is based on a set of principles which have been discussed and agreed within the school community.

1. Clarity of rules directions and procedures.
2. Building a culture of praise and encouragement.
3. Recognition and reward for good behaviour.
4. Consistency in the application of consequences
5. Stressing pupil responsibility and choice
6. Having a calm and restorative approach
7. Involving parents at an early stage

There is an emphasis on **Positive Behaviour** and through the Pupil Tracking System (Seemis), pupils will be awarded **Weekly Cooperation Merits** where they meet the standards expected of them with regards to effort, behaviour and cooperation.

Merits will also be awarded to pupils by teachers for a variety of reasons including **Excellence** and **Improvement** and for taking part in **House Activities**.

Demerits may be logged by their teachers for a variety of reasons including, poor cooperation, homework not complete and no equipment.

Restorative Justice

Balfron High School adopts a Restorative Justice Approach to dealing with situations which occur. This approach focuses on the harm caused and encourages people to take responsibility for their actions by being aware of the implications of their behaviour or actions.

If Pupil Behaviour is not what is expected, then the following may take place.

Low level disruptive behaviour

The teacher will adopt relevant strategies within the classroom, such as moving seat, discussion with the pupil or alternative tasks, to ensure effective learning takes place. The teacher may record this electronically on Seemis to inform the Form Class Leader.

Ongoing low level disruption or more serious disruption

If the pupil continues to cause disruption to learning during a class then they will be removed from the class for the remainder of the period. A yellow Restorative Exercise will be issued, explaining the teachers concern, for the pupil to reflect on and complete at home. A parental signature is required. This will be recorded on Seemis for the Form Class Leader to monitor and deal with appropriately.

Continued Disruption

If the pupil continues to cause disruption to learning then the teacher, in discussion with the Principal Teacher (PT) may feel it is in the best interests of the class to remove the pupil from the class for a period



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of one week. During a planned removal, the pupil will be given work to complete and the PT will arrange for the pupil to do this work in another area. This will be recorded on Seemis. This will be communicated with the parents via a letter.

The Form Class Leader continually monitors Seemis and discusses each pupil's record with them on a regular basis. If there are continued concerns about a pupil, the Principal Teacher of their Home Area and the Depute Head Teacher for their House, may eventually be involved to try to implement strategies to ensure improvement.

The principles of the Positive Behaviour Policy are adhered to and **early communication** with **Parents** is crucial to ensure that we work in **partnership**, so **each pupil** at Balfron High School can fulfil their **social and academic potential**.

Anti-Bullying

The school has a policy to deal with bullying based on the principle that any bullying problem must be tackled openly and honestly. Parents, teachers, victim and bully must all be involved when any problem is identified.

Several strategies are used to try to "bully-proof" the school, and give a clear message that bullying is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The topic of bullying is a feature of the Personal and Social Education Programme for all pupils, and is revisited in each year.

Year-group and House assemblies play an important part in raising awareness of the problem of bullying. One of the successful strategies for tackling the problem is the daily scheme, which places prefects into S1-S4 form classes for the period of registration. Through regular contacts, the Sixth year student can be alerted to any problems, including bullying, and an appropriate member of staff informed. A copy of the schools' Anti-Bullying Policy can be found on our school website or a copy can be requested from the school.

Exclusion from School

Exclusion is regarded as the last resort in a very serious situation, and it is one of the school's targets to reduce the number of exclusions. In a very serious case of indiscipline, however, such as a criminal act, where there is a developing pattern of serious behaviour difficulties which other strategies have not resolved, a pupil would be referred to the Head Teacher, who might decide that exclusion was the most appropriate way of dealing with the problem.

The grounds for exclusion and procedures to be followed are contained in the School General (Scotland) Regulations (1975) as amended. There are only two grounds on which a child may be legally excluded from school:

Where they (Education Services) are of the opinion that the parent of the child refuses or fails to comply, or allow the child to comply with rules, regulations, or disciplinary requirements of the school.

Or

They consider that in all circumstances to allow the child to continue his/her attendance would be likely to be seriously detrimental to order and discipline in the school or the education well-being of other children.



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Before a decision is taken to exclude, however, the pupil's parents would normally be alerted to the difficulties and involved in discussing appropriate strategies for supporting the pupil.

An exception to this would be exclusion resulting from a single act of very serious indiscipline, such as an assault or a drugs-related offence. Exclusion would normally last only long enough to allow the school to draw up an Action Plan for the pupil's return to normal classes. This may involve contact with other agencies, such as the Psychological Service. The Action Plan must be agreed by the pupil, the parent and the school, before the pupil returns to the school.

School Liaison Group

Pupils who need multiagency support may be discussed at the School Liaison Group. This consists of someone from the Senior Management Team, Principal Teacher (Staged Intervention), the Educational Psychologist, Social Workers, Police, parents and others such as Pupil Support Staff where considered helpful. The aim of this Group is to provide extended or specialist support for any pupil who has had particular difficulties and to help maintain clear communication among those who are dealing with these pupils.

The Group meets every six weeks but additional meetings may be held as required.

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we are accepting payments online for dinner money. Further items will be announced as they come online e.g. school trips etc. Using a secure website call ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card. ParentPay is our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card
- Full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- Your children will not have to worry about losing money at school

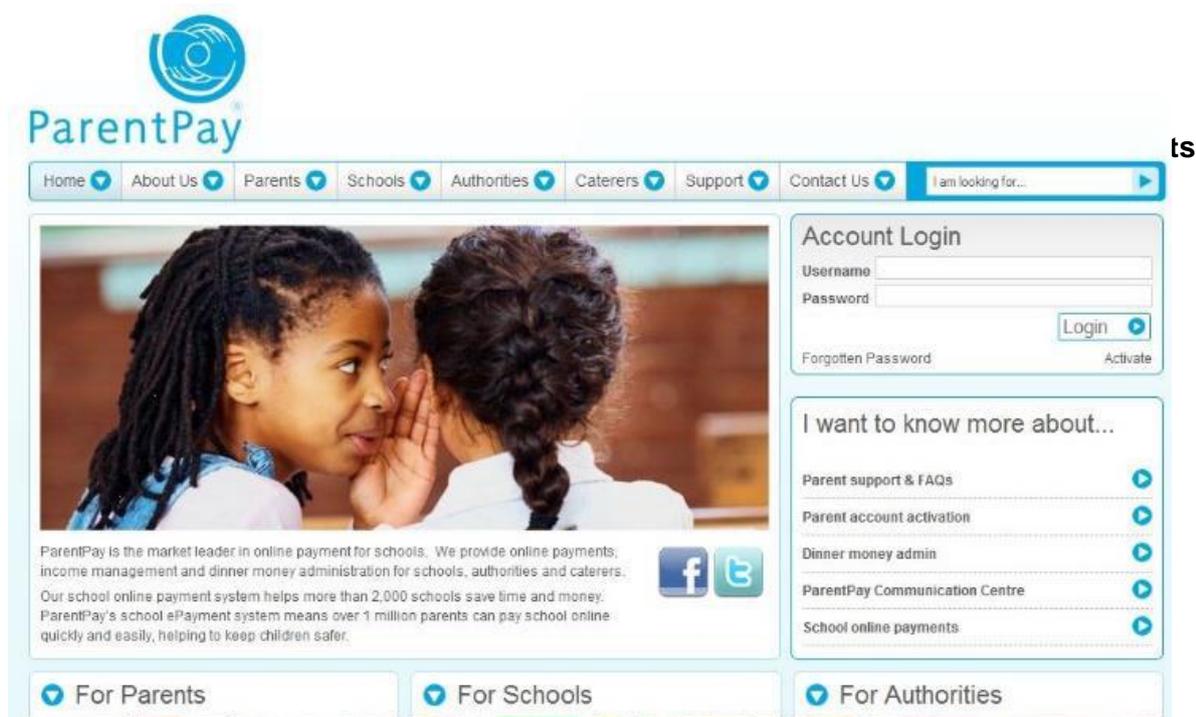
What are the benefits to our school?

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school. You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school.

How to get started with ParentPay

You will have received your account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter to get started with ParentPay

Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.



The screenshot shows the ParentPay website homepage. At the top left is the ParentPay logo. Below it is a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Parents, Schools, Authorities, Caterers, Support, and Contact Us. A search bar is located to the right of the menu. The main content area features a large image of two young girls talking. To the right of the image is an 'Account Login' section with fields for Username and Password, a Login button, and links for 'Forgotten Password' and 'Activate'. Below the login section is a 'I want to know more about...' section with links for 'Parent support & FAQs', 'Parent account activation', 'Dinner money admin', 'ParentPay Communication Centre', and 'School online payments'. At the bottom of the page are three buttons: 'For Parents', 'For Schools', and 'For Authorities'.

<i>By end of S4 as % of S4 roll</i>	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Attaining 5+ @ level 3 or better	85%	80%	94%	87%
Attaining 5+ @ level 4 or better	81%	76%	91%	84%
Attaining 5+ @ level 5 or better	60%	62%	64%	64%
<i>By end of S5 as % of S4 roll</i>	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Attaining 1+ Highers at A - C	81%	83%	81%	78%
Attaining 3+ Highers at A - C	64%	63%	62%	59%
Attaining 5+ Highers at A - C	38%	40%	40%	39%
<i>By end of S6 as % of S4 roll</i>	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Attaining 3+ Highers at A - C	62%	73%	70%	69%
Attaining 5+ Highers at A - C	52%	54%	55%	57%
Attaining 1+ Advanced Highers at A - C	38%	34%	36%	40%

Level 3: National 3
 Level 4: National 4
 Level 5: National 5



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Enrolment Arrangements: Primary & Secondary School Education in 2019

The 2019/2020 school year starts on 20 August 2019. This is the **only** date for beginning school education for that year.

All children who are five years old on or before 20 August 2019 are of school age and **must** start their primary school education on 20 August 2019, children who are five years old between 20 August 2019 and 29 February 2020 **may** start their primary school education on 20 August 2019.

If your child is starting their primary school education in August 2019 you **must** enrol him/her at their catchment school **by 25 January 2019**. Details of school catchment areas and further information on our enrolment procedures can be found by visiting our website www.stirling.gov.uk or by contacting us on 01786 233185. As part of the enrolment process we check the residency of all parents wishing to enrol their child at their catchment school, please bring your child's birth certificate, child benefit book/award letter, tax credit award letter, two recent household utility bills and a recent council tax bill with you when you enrol your child.

The list of dates when schools are enrolling pupils will be available on our website www.stirling.gov.uk from 3 December 2018.

Gaelic Medium Provision

Gaelic Medium Provision is available at Riverside Primary School, Forrest Road, Stirling tel: 01786 474128 email: rvsdeps@stirling.gov.uk. Any parent wishing to enrol their child in our gaelic medium provision should contact the school for further information.

Notice to Parents and Guardians of Children due to Transfer from Primary to Secondary School

Children currently in P7 will transfer from primary to secondary education in August 2019. You will receive notification of transfer arrangements through your primary school and your child will be automatically enrolled in their catchment secondary school. Should you wish your child to attend a secondary school that is not their catchment school a placing request must be submitted.

Placing Requests for Session 2019/2020

In accordance with the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 as amended, Stirling Council hereby informs parents or guardians who wish to make a placing request for the school session 2019-2020, to do so in writing **by no later than 15 March 2019**. Your right applies to a request that your child be placed in a school other than the school which normally serves the area in which you live. It applies to a primary school or, where appropriate, the transfer to a secondary school, including a school providing for children with additional support needs. You can apply online at <http://my.stirling.gov.uk/cakeforms/view/placingrequestapplicationform> or, alternatively, application forms and guidelines are available from Schools, Learning and Education, Wolfcraig, Dumbarton Road, Stirling on 01786 233185.

It is essential that you enrol your child at the school that serves your local area even if you are making a placing request for another school.

Please note that if your placing request is successful school transport will not be provided for your child.

Schools Information

Information on local authority schools in Stirling Council is available on our website www.stirling.gov.uk or by contacting us on 01786 233185.

Parents wishing to apply for enrolment to Our Lady's RC Primary School, St Mary's RC Primary School, St Margaret's RC Primary School, St Mary's Episcopal Primary School and St Modan's High School should contact the school to discuss enrolment policy. Details are also available on the Council website www.stirling.gov.uk

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Attendance

It is important that the school and parents work together to achieve good attendance as there is a strong link between good attendance and achievement. The school aims to encourage attendance by creating a welcoming and supporting ethos. If there are difficulties with your child's attendance, the school will contact you to discuss ways of resolving this.

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or for any other reason, we ask that parents should notify the school as early as possible in the school day.

Parents should also give careful consideration to the impact on a child's education of taking holidays during term time. All schools are required to record attendance and absence of pupils and report on these figures to parents, the Council and the Scottish Government.

The Scottish Government's guidance – Included, Engaged and Involved: Attendance in Scottish Schools - issued to all local authorities in December 2007 provides guidance on how attendance and absence at school is recorded. This document clarifies that the majority of family holidays taken during term time will be categorised as **unauthorised absence** and that schools may only authorise a family holiday during term time under very exceptional circumstances.

Regular attendance scans are undertaken by the management team. When a child's attendance drops below 90%, parents will be notified by letter and asked to come in to talk to the head teacher about how best to support your child's progress.

Persistent latecoming also causes regular interruptions for some classes. It disrupts learning and teaching not only for the latecomer but for the whole class.

At no time during the school day should a child be removed by a parent from the school without informing the staff of the school. This includes lunchtime "disappearances". If a child is reported missing, we will try to contact the parents or we will ask for help from the emergency contact or neighbours. If we fail to locate the child the Police will be informed. Please help us to keep your child safe. Poor attendance falls into the Council's Staged Intervention Framework and action will be taken to address patterns of poor attendance.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

All children in Scotland have the right to be protected from abuse or neglect.

Schools and nurseries play an important role in the prevention of abuse and neglect through creating and maintaining safe learning environments and teaching children and young people about staying safe from harm and how to speak up if they have worries or concerns.

Schools and nurseries have identified child protection coordinators with a remit to promote safeguarding and a responsibility to act when aware of a child protection concern.

If you are concerned a child or young person is at risk of abuse or neglect, you can contact school, police or phone children's services on 01786 471177.



Clothing Grants

Some families may be eligible for clothing grants. Application forms can be obtained from Stirling Council, telephone 01786 233210 or downloaded from the Council website at

<https://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/education-and-learning/schools/school-grants>.

Please take your completed application form, along with the documents requested, to your nearest local office, or Customer First, Port Street, Stirling or post to Stirling Council, Teith House, Kerse Road, Stirling, FK7 7QA

Complaints

You can complain in person, by phone, email or by letter. We regard a complaint as any expression or dissatisfaction about our action or lack of action, or about the standard of service provided by us or on our behalf.

Who can complain?

Anyone can complain who is the parent or legal guardian of a child or a person authorised to complain on his/her behalf. For example, a child's grandparent who is not the legal guardian needs authority from the child's parent or guardian. This would normally mean a note to show that the person responsible for the child has agreed.

What can't I complain about?

Here are some things we can't deal with through our complaints procedure:

- A routine first time request for a service or action e.g. informing the school that your child told you she is being bullied and asking them to resolve this.
- Requests for compensation from the Council.
- Things that are covered by a right of appeal e.g. exclusion from school which has its own statutory process. In these cases, we will give you information and advice to help you.

You have 6 months to make a complaint after the event that you want to complain about takes place. If you first learn of the issue about which you want to complain after this point, you have a further 6 months to complain. In exceptional circumstances, the Service may investigate matters more than a year old, but it is not obliged to do so.

We have a 2 stage complaints procedure.

Stage One – frontline resolution

In the first instance please complain to your child's school or nursery, telling them as much as you can about the complaint, what has gone wrong and what you want them to do to resolve the matter. A senior member of staff, either the head teacher or depute head, will be responsible for looking into complaints. Heads are senior managers with a high level of responsibility for your child's learning and welfare and are able to look into most matters. However, the head teacher may refer the Stage One complaint to Schools, Learning and Education centrally, e.g. if it is about the conduct of the head teacher or too complex to be dealt with at front-line service level.



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The school or nursery will give you our decision at Stage One within 5 working days or fewer unless there are exceptional circumstances. If we need further time, we will ask you to agree an extension of up to 5 further days. If the Stage One complaint has been referred to Schools, Learning and Education centrally your response will come from there.

Stage Two – investigation

If you are dissatisfied with your Stage One response you can move to Stage Two. Stage Two deals with 2 types of complaints: those not resolved at Stage One and those not appropriate for Stage One, for example, the conduct of a head teacher or complaints which are too complex for a head teacher to deal with.

To move to Stage Two, you should e-mail (info@stirling.gov.uk) or you can ask the head teacher of the school or nursery to move the complaint to Stage Two on your behalf.

When using Stage Two:

- We will acknowledge your complaint within 3 working days.
- You will be contacted by the Investigating Officer for your complaint, who will usually meet you to confirm: the detail of your complaint, what you want to achieve, and if your expectations are achievable. In some cases, e.g. if your complaint has been made in writing and is clear, there may be no need to meet. It is helpful if you present any evidence that you can offer in support of your complaint, e.g. contact details for witnesses, reports from other professionals etc. if appropriate.
- We will write to you confirming the details of your complaint, what you want to achieve, and what the investigation can cover.
- We will give you a full, written response to the complaint as soon as possible and within 20 working days. If our investigation takes longer than 20 working days we will agree revised time limits with you and keep you updated on progress.

After we have fully investigated your Stage Two complaint, if you are still dissatisfied with our decision or the way we dealt with your complaint you can ask the [Scottish Public Services Ombudsman](#) (SPSO) to look at it.

The SPSO cannot normally look at:

- A complaint that has not completed our complaints procedure
- Events that happened or you became aware of, more than a year ago.



Digital Learning

Digital Tools for Learning and Teaching

In Stirling Council schools and nurseries, we use a variety of digital tools for learning and teaching, to share information about the life of the school, communicate with parents and carers, and to celebrate success. Use of many of these tools requires sharing some personal data about your child with the providers of the services. This may include, for example, children's names, classes and photographs. For some services, we will need your consent to share personal data.

Core Digital Services

Across Stirling Council, we use Glow and Google's G Suite for Education for learning and teaching. Data is shared with these services under the legal basis of public task - use of these services is deemed essential for learning and teaching, and we have legal agreements in place with both Education Scotland and Google to ensure that personal data is kept safe (see our Privacy Notices for our use of these services).

Likewise, Seemis is used to securely manage children and young people's personal data, including sensitive category data (such as information about their health). This data sharing is also done under the legal basis of public task, and appropriate agreements are in place to ensure the data is securely managed.

Digital Services Requiring Consent

For other processes involving digital tools, we will seek consent of parents/carers and the young people themselves when they are aged 12 and over.

Education Statistics Privacy Notice

Annual Data Check

On an annual basis schools request that parents and carers update the information that they hold for administrative purposes. It is important that this information contains up to date details as the school may use it in the event of an emergency. This information is also used to submit secondary school pupils for SQA examinations.

When you receive an Annual Data Check you should make any corrections or additions in pen and return to your child's school.

If you move address or change your mobile phone number please remember to notify the school.

Pupil record information is used in accordance with the Council's Data Protection Notification.

Transferring Educational Data about Pupils

The Scottish Government and its partners collect and use information about pupils in schools (e.g. the number and characteristics of pupils, their attendance, absence and exclusions, their attainment and their



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destination when leaving school) 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.
- Share good practice.
- Target resources better.
- Enhance the quality of research to improve the lives of young people in Scotland.

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 which 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 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 about pupils in schools collected by Scottish Government through statistical surveys is used only for the statistical and research purposes for which it is collected.

Your Data Protection Rights

The collection, transfer, processing and sharing of ScotXed data is done in accordance with the Data Protection Act (2018). We also comply with the National Statistics Code of Practice requirements and other legislation related to safeguarding the confidentiality of data. The Data Protection Act gives you the right to know how we will use your data. This note can give only a brief description of how we use data. Fuller details of each individual ScotXed survey, including the purpose of each and the published data, can be found on the ScotXed website (<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed>). Pupil names and addresses (other than postcode) are never collected in any ScotXed statistical survey.

Scottish Government works with a range of partners including Education Scotland, Skills Development Scotland and the SQA. On occasion, in order to help meet our aim of improving the life of young people in



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Scotland, we may make individual data available to partners such as the National Registers of Scotland to carry out research relating to the national population census and also to academic institutions and organisations to carry out additional research and statistical analysis which helps inform policy development and contributes to improving outcomes for Scotland's people. In order to carry out this research to support better decisions, policy making and practice, data may be linked to information from other sources. Further information on Scottish Government's use of data can be found here (<https://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed/SchoolEducation/ESPrivacyNotices>).

Any sharing or linkage of data will be done under the strict control of Scottish Government, and will be consistent with our data policy and the National Data Linkage Guiding Principles. This will ensure that no individual level data will be made public as a result of the data sharing and that these data will not be used to take any actions in respect of an individual. Decisions on the sharing or linkage of data will be taken in consultation with relevant colleagues and individuals within and outwith Scottish Government. At all times pupils' rights under the Data Protection Act and other relevant legislation will be ensured.

Concerns

If you have any concerns about the ScotXed data collections you can email the Head of Schools Analysis, Mick Wilson, at mick.wilson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or write to Education Analytical Services, Area 2D, Victoria Quay, Leith, EH6 6QQ.

Equalities

Everyone deserves to be treated equally, fairly and without prejudice.

Educational establishments create inclusive cultures by working in partnership with the wider community to agree positive values, by promoting and celebrating diversity and through delivering appropriate learning opportunities within their curriculum.

Schools and nurseries operate within Stirling Council's duty under the Equality Act (2010) to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people by removing or minimising disadvantage, meeting the needs of particular groups which are different from the needs of others and encouraging participation in public life.
- Foster good relations by tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

The Equality Act 2010 identifies 9 protected characteristics from discrimination, harassment or victimisation:

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- marriage or civil partnership (in employment only)
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sex
- sexual orientation.

Schools and nurseries have a duty to report prejudice based incidents.

Anti-bullying and Positive Relationships

Approaches to anti bullying reflect *Getting it Right for Every Child* and recognise that bullying impacts on wellbeing. In order to thrive and achieve their full potential, children and young people need learning environments which are safe, nurturing, respectful and free from fear, abuse and discrimination.

All education establishments operate within Stirling's Approach to Respect for All: Preventing and Challenging Bullying Behaviours and will, in consultation with wider communities, create establishment specific anti bullying policy.

Getting it Right for Every Child

This is the national approach to supporting and working with all children and young people in Scotland. It puts the rights and wellbeing of children and young people at the heart of the services that support them. *Staged Intervention approach is in line with the principles of GIRFEC.*

Key elements of GIRFEC are:

- Wellbeing
- Child's Plan
- Named Person



Wellbeing

To help with a common understanding of what wellbeing means, it is broken into 8 wellbeing indicators:

Every child and young person should be SAFE, HEALTHY, ACTIVE, NURTURED, ACHIEVING, RESPECTED, RESPONSIBLE, INCLUDED.

Named Person

Most children get all the help they need from their families and communities but for some, they may need extra help at times. Children from birth to 18 or their parents, will have access to a named person to help them get the support they need. The named person will be a clear point of contact for families that wasn't help and support for worries they have. For school age children, the named person will be a promoted member of staff. More information is available on the [Scottish Government website](#).

Child's Plan

The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 ensures a single planning framework, Child's Plan, will be available for children who require extra support that is not generally available to address a child or young person's needs and improve their wellbeing.

The Child's Plan is part of the GIRFEC approach to promote, support and safeguard the wellbeing of children and young people. The Scottish Government is working with Parliament to agree a timetable to enable commencement in 2018.

Stirling educational establishments have long established staged intervention procedures which provide appropriate and proportionate assessment, planning and review to ensure children and young people have their individualised needs met. Further information is detailed in [Staged Intervention Guidance](#).

Inclusion

Additional Support Needs

All children get help with their learning.

A child is said to have 'additional support needs' if they need more, or different, support from what is normally provided in schools or nurseries for children of the same age.

The Education (Additional support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 (as amended 2009) created the term **additional support needs** and explains the duties on education authorities to support children and young people's learning.

A child or young person may have additional support needs for lots of reasons including:

- A physical disability
- Being a young carer
- Changing school a lot
- Being bullied
- Having a communication difficulty
- Being looked after by the local authority
- Having a long term illness

Staged Intervention is the process used to identify, assess and plan to meet a child's needs. Every school and nursery has a *Pupil Support Co-ordinator* with responsibility for ensuring appropriate support for children with additional support needs. For most children the support they require is provided from school, for example, differentiated materials, additional time, movement programmes, and support groups. Some pupils with more complex needs may be referred to ASN Outreach or other partner agencies to provide more enhanced interventions. Agreed actions will be recorded and reviewed during staged intervention meetings in collaboration with the child, family and staff. Where there are more than one agency supporting a child and this is significant and long lasting, a Coordinated Support Plan may be developed.

If you have concerns about your child, in the first instance, contact your school.

More information is available on the website or by contacting ASN and Wellbeing Team.



Insurance Information

1 Public Liability

Stirling Council has Public Liability Insurance in respect of claims against the Council for bodily injury to any person or for loss or damage to any person's property for which the Council is legally liable. Negligence or failure to fulfil a statutory obligation on the part of the Council or its employees resulting in injury, loss or damage to property must be established.

Pupils' Property

Each session, unfortunately but inevitably, pupils' property is lost, damaged or stolen in school. Parents should be aware of the following points:

- a. Parents' house contents policy may give some measure of cover for personal effects of family members.
- b. It is suggested that parents may wish to consider taking out additional individual personal cover.
- c. Pupils should be encouraged not to bring valuables to school.

The general rule is that pupils bring property to school at their own risk. There may be situations where the school accepts responsibility for pupils' property, but otherwise the Council is not responsible if property is lost, damaged or stolen in school.

2 Personal Accident/Travel Cover – Educational Excursions

The Council has arranged insurance cover for Educational Excursions organised by the Council.

A brief summary of the cover is as follows:

Persons Covered: Organisers, participants, members, employees and others on excursions or trips organised by or under the auspices of the Council.

When Covered: While participating in any activity organised by or on behalf of the Council beyond the limit of the school grounds.

If you require further information, please contact the Council's Insurance Team on 01786. 233437.

Parentzone

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.



Information and advice on education and learning for parents in Scotland

Be at the heart of your child's learning . . .



Sign up to receive our Parents and Carers e-bulletins for the latest developments in Scottish education.
edscot.org.uk/p/LQE-39I/subscribe
Email: enquiries@educationscotland.gsi.gov.uk
education.gov.scot/parentzone



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



Privacy Notice for the Use of G Suite for Digital Learning and Teaching

What is personal data?

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Who is the data controller?

Stirling Council is the data controller. This means that it is responsible for the safe and legal processing of your data.

Why are we processing your personal data?

Stirling Council complies with its obligations by keeping your personal data up to date; by storing and destroying it securely; by not collecting or retaining excessive amounts of data; by protecting personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure and by ensuring that appropriate technical measures are in place to protect personal data.

We will collect the following data:

Names, Year group, School/Nursery, Email addresses, Information based on use of service, e.g. type of device and cookies.

We will use your personal data for the following purposes:

Enabling the use of digital learning and teaching tools.

What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

Public Task

Sharing your personal data

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential. In order to fulfil the purpose of G Suite for learning and teaching, we may need to share your personal data with Google G Suite. Google may share data with third parties with users' or parent/carers' consent, or to meet legal requirements (as set out in their privacy policy: https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html).

How long do we keep your personal data?

Your data will be deleted after 1 year after the account is deactivated.



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Your rights regarding your personal data

You have various rights with respect to your personal data, including:

- The right to be informed about how we will use your personal data.
- The right to access a copy of any personal data we hold about you.
- The right to have personal data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- The right to request the deletion or removal of personal data.
- The rights to restrict and object to processing of personal data.
- The right to obtain and reuse your personal data for your own purposes.
- Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.
- The right to withdraw your consent for the processing of your personal data.
- The right to lodge a complaint with the school/nursery, Stirling Council, and/or the Information Commissioner's Office.

Further processing

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose that is not covered by this Privacy Notice, we will issue a new notice explaining this new use. Where necessary, we will seek your prior consent to the new processing.

Contact details

Stirling Council: Schools, Learning and Education

Stirling Council Data Protection Officer: Kevin O'Kane - dataprotection@stirling.gov.uk

Information Commissioner's Office

Helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Website (including contact form and live chat) - <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>



Privacy Notice for the Use of Services within Glow for Digital Learning and Teaching

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We will collect the following data:

Names, Date of birth, Year group, School/Nursery, Email addresses, MIS identifier, pupil/teacher identifiers.

We will use your personal data for the following purposes:

To provide interactive, accessible and collaborative learning experiences for children and young people; to support teachers to work innovatively and collaboratively.

What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

Public Task

Sharing your personal data

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential. Other Glow users will be able to see some data (not including home email addresses, dates of birth or MIS identifiers). Education Scotland will have access to all of the data provided.

How long do we keep your personal data?

Your data will be deleted after 9 months after the account is deactivated.

Your rights regarding your personal data

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School Health Service

The Forth Valley NHS has a statutory obligation to provide a health service for all school-age children in the Stirling Council area. The aim of the service is to make sure that all children are in the best possible health to benefit from their education and to provide the education service with advice and support about the spread of infections and the promotion of good health.

Parents/carers will be given the opportunity to meet the named nurse for the school when their child starts school in Primary 1. This will involve parents completing a health questionnaire for their child. The nurse may make contact with parents/carers based on the information provided by them. Teachers and parents/carers are encouraged to report any concern about hearing, especially in primary one pupils. Hearing is no longer part of the routine checks done in school.

If you have any concerns with your child's health which may affect their education, an appointment can be arranged with your named nurse (contact details below). School staff, with parents' permission, can request an appointment with the named nurse at any time. The named nurse will also liaise closely with the Team Leader who has overall responsibility for primary school children.

The community paediatric doctor will see children at their clinic who have additional support needs or who have any significant ongoing medical or developmental conditions affecting their education.

School staff and parents can contact the named nurse if they have any health concerns regarding children which may affect their educational needs. The nurse will then offer a Health assessment in school or in the child's home.

All children within P1 will receive a toothbrush, toothpaste and leaflet- "Make your smile count". A dentist from the Salaried Dental Service will carry out a dental inspection of your child in P1 and again in P7. Dental treatment can be offered to those children unable to register with a general dental practitioner through the Salaried Dental Service.

The School Health Service can be contacted at:

Area Community Child Health Department
Stirling Royal Infirmary
Livilands
Stirling FK8 2AU
Telephone: 01786 434150

Infectious Diseases

Colds, flu and gastro-enteritis are the most common infections affecting children of school age. It is important that you keep your child off school in the early stages of flu and while they still have diarrhoea. Children who have had diarrhoea should stay off school for 48hrs after the last episode of diarrhoea. It is also important that your child understands how to prevent picking up and spreading such infections. You will be able to get further advice about good health from your named school nurse or staff in your Health Centre or GP Practice.

For advice about early detection and treatment for other infectious diseases e.g. chickenpox and mumps please consult your GP or School Nurse.



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Head Lice

Head lice are spread through head to head contact. This can happen at home, in the community, or in school. Regular combing of your child's hair using a head lice detection comb is the best way to catch this possible problem at an early stage.

The only way to be sure that your child has head lice is to find a live louse. If you find live lice, you need to get the correct lotion from your doctor, health visitor or pharmacist. The instructions need to be followed carefully. If this is not done then re-infection is likely.

If lice are found, all family members and close friends of your child should be checked. Treatment should only be applied if live lice are found. Products used for treating head lice must be ones that can be left in the hair for 12 hrs, this treatment requires to be repeated after 7 days. You should advise others of this possible problem in the same way as you would tell family and friends about other infections which might affect them.

Further advice can be obtained from the Health Board. A head lice leaflet is available in all schools and health centres.



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School Meals

Lunches are provided every day for children and young people in all schools. All food and drink provided meets national requirements for nutritional standards as well as guidance aimed at encouraging uptake and removing the stigma attached to free school meals.

Meals are provided by the Council's catering service. Menus are seasonal and are changed twice a year, spring/summer and autumn/winter. All recipes are analysed to make sure that they provide a healthy and well-balanced meal. The catering service tries to suit the majority of tastes by offering choices which include a daily vegetarian option as well as a range of packed lunches. Children having packed lunches are supervised. We encourage parents to ensure home packed lunches are healthy and do not contain fizzy drinks, sweets and nuts.

Pupils and their parents have opportunities to provide feedback and have a say about the content of future menus and the catering service is committed to introducing new products and to promoting healthy food choices.

Stirling Council achieved the Silver Food for Life Catering Mark in March 2014. This guarantees that all menus are prepared using non GM ingredients, are 75% freshly prepared, use only free range eggs, avoid additives and trans fats with meat and poultry sourced in a way that ensures animal welfare is taken care of. All milk provided to the children to drink or within their meals is organic. More information about the standard can be found at <http://www.sacert.org/catering>.

Menus and current prices can be viewed on the Council's website at

<http://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/education-and-learning/schools/schools-catering>.

Medically prescribed diets can be catered for and parents should contact the head teacher to discuss any special dietary requirements.

The Catering Service can also provide a healthy packed lunch for school trips.

Some families may be eligible for free school meals. An application form is available from the school or can be printed from the Council's website at:

<https://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/education-and-learning/schools/school-grants>.

This form should be completed and returned to Customer First, Port Street, Stirling or post to Stirling Council, Teith House, Kerse Road, Stirling FK7 7QA.



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STIRLING COUNCIL – EDUCATION

2018-19 School Dates

Autumn Term Starts	Friday 17 August 2018	Teachers return Pupils return
Ends	Monday 20 August 2018 Friday 12 October 2018	
October Holiday Starts	Monday 15 October 2018	
Ends	Friday 19 October 2018	
Winter Term Starts	Monday 22 October 2018	
Staff Development Day	Thursday, 29 November 2018	
Staff Development Day	Friday 30 November 2018	
Winter Term Ends	Friday 21 December 2018	
Christmas Holiday Starts	Monday 24 December 2018	
Ends	Friday 4 January 2019	
Spring Term Starts	Monday 7 January 2019	
Staff Development Day	Monday 11 February 2019	
Staff Development Day	Tuesday 12 February 2019	
Local Holiday	Wednesday 13 February 2019	
Local Holiday	Thursday 14 February 2019	
Local Holiday	Friday 15 February 2019	
Spring Term Ends	Friday 29th March 2019	
Spring Holiday Starts	Monday 1 April 2019	
Ends	Friday 12 April 2019	
Summer Term Starts	Monday 15 April 2019	
Good Friday	Friday 19 April	
Easter Monday	Monday 22 April	
Local Holiday	Monday 6 May 2019	
Summer Term Ends	Friday 28 June 2019	
Summer Holiday Starts	Monday 1 July 2019	
Ends	Friday 16 August 2019	
	Monday 19 August 2019 * Tuesday 20 August 2019 *	Teachers return Pupils return



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STIRLING COUNCIL – EDUCATION

2019-2020 School Dates

Autumn Term Starts	Monday 19 August 2019	Teachers return Pupils return
Ends	Tuesday 20 August 2019 Friday 11 October 2019	
October Holiday Starts	Monday 14 October 2019	
Ends	Friday 18 October 2019	
Winter Term Starts	Monday 21 October 2019	
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Winter Term Ends	Friday 20 December 2019	
Christmas Holiday Starts	Monday 23 December 2019	
Ends	Friday 3 January 2020	
Spring Term Starts	Monday 6 January 2020	
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Spring Term Ends	Friday 3 April 2020	
Spring Holiday Starts	Monday 6 April 2020	
Ends	Friday 17 April 2020	
Summer Term Starts	Monday 20 April 2020	
Local Holiday	Monday 4 May 2020	
Summer Term Ends	Thursday 25 June 2020	
Summer Holiday Starts	Friday 26 June 2020	
Ends	Friday 14 August 2020	
	Monday 17 August 2020* Tuesday 18 August 2020*	Teachers return Pupils return

* To be confirmed



Transport

Stirling Council provides free transport to children who live more than two miles from their catchment school, or where there is no safe walking route available.

Further information is available on the Stirling Council website at:

<https://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/education-and-learning/schools/schools-travel-and-trips>

Unexpected Closures

While schools have contingency planning in place to cope with a number of circumstances, sometimes it is necessary to close schools or amend the normal school day. e.g., storm damage, power cut.

In the event of this happening, we have to ensure school record of parents' place of employment and childcare arrangements are up to date. Please make sure we have an emergency contact telephone number and address. We will issue an annual update form to check the accuracy of contact details and other information held by the school.

Please make sure your child knows who to go to if you are not at home.



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