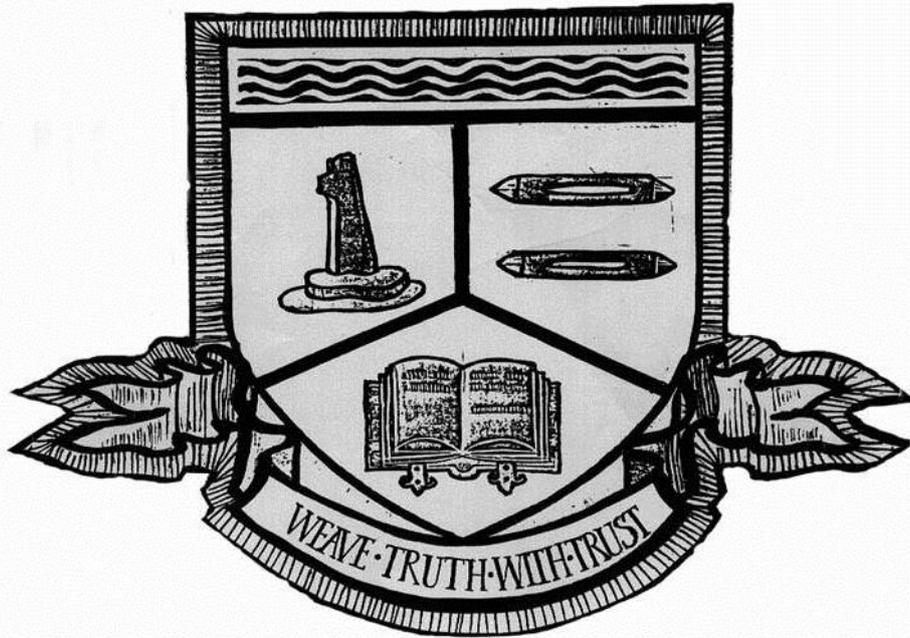


# Goodlyburn Primary School



## School Handbook

### Academic Session 2019/2020

## **Introduction**

In accordance with the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and the Education (School and Placing Information) (Scotland) Regulations 1982, Perth & Kinross Council Education & Children's Services' schools produce handbooks covering the following categories of information:

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Whilst the information contained in this school handbook was accurate at the time of publication (December 2018), further changes may have occurred since then.

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## Introduction

We currently have a nursery class for 3-5 year olds, strong start provision for 2 year olds and 12 primary classes from P1 - P7 including 2 multi-composite Gaelic Medium Education classes.

We are situated in the grounds of the University of Highlands and Islands (Perth College campus) off Crieff Road, Perth.

We work hard to ensure that your child is happy and able to learn in a caring and supportive environment. Working in partnership with our parents is really important to us and we encourage parental involvement in the life of the school.

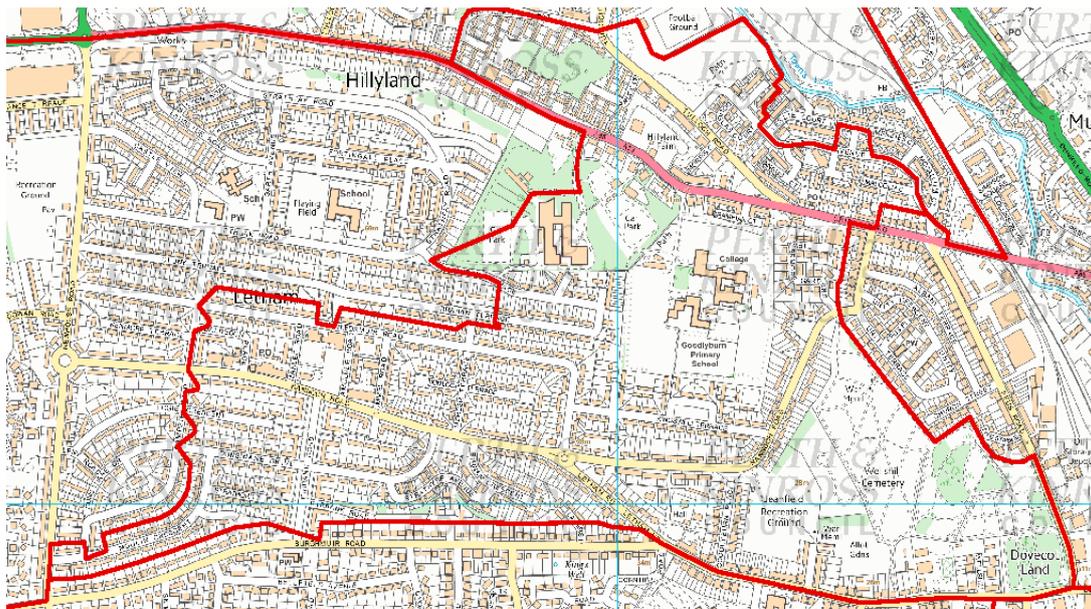
Mrs Sands, Head Teacher and Mrs Crockart, Depute Head Teacher and teachers are always happy to speak with you about your child. This can be a quick chat at the end of the school day or you are very welcome to make an appointment if you would like a longer discussion.

Class teachers will be keeping you updated about classroom life and learning via their class web page <http://goodlyburnps.schoolwebsite.scot> - check back regularly to see your children in action.

## Gaelic Medium

We are one of two schools in the Perth & Kinross region, which has a Gaelic Medium class that is open to any child in the Perth & Kinross area. It is not necessary for children to have attended a Gaelic Nursery or to come from a Gaelic speaking home to attend our Gaelic Medium class. The Gaelic Medium class has children from P1 – 7. At the P1–3 stages, the children are immersed in Gaelic. In P4, English is introduced and the children are taught in both languages. If you would like more information, or you would like to enrol your child in our Gaelic Medium class, please contact Mrs McGregor, Mr Munro or Mrs Sands on 01738 454230. Any Gaelic enquiries can be directed to the Perth & Kinross Gaelic Development Officer on 01738 477869.

## Delineated Area



## Enrolment

Enrolment each year takes place in the second week in January. When you register your child you are required to bring along with you your child's birth certificate, recent Council Tax bill and a recent utility bill establishing that you live permanently at your address.

\*If you live out-with our catchment area, but wish to enrol your child at our school, you will need to submit a Placing Request Application Form.

PKC Education and Children's Services are working towards the expansion of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) as outlined in the Scottish Government's Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland.

By 2020, all 3-5 year olds and eligible 2 year olds will have access to 1140 hours of fully funded ELC. This means that in PKC most children will experience early learning and childcare in a funded provider for at least two full days a week and some full days for 5 days a week.

As a result of the changes to a child's experience prior to beginning their Primary School education across PKC, Primary One children will attend school for a full day from August 2019 and therefore will no longer access ½ days for the first two weeks of term.

## Contact Details

Name:	GOODLYBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Address:	Crieff Road, Perth, PH1 2NT
Tel. No:	01738 454230
Email:	<a href="mailto:Goodlyburn@pkc.gov.uk">Goodlyburn@pkc.gov.uk</a>
Roll:	260 P1–P7 children, 49 nursery + 5 morning and 5 afternoon strong start places
Website	<a href="http://goodlyburnps.schoolwebsite.scot">http://goodlyburnps.schoolwebsite.scot</a>
Head Teacher	Mrs Annemarie Sands
Depute Head Teacher	Mrs Karen Crockart

You will get regular information about your child's progress and learning and teaching in our school, by regular newsletters, our school website, Parent Contact appointments in November and March, open events, e.g. Financial Education, Health Week, class assemblies, concerts, etc. However, if you have a concern, please contact the school on 454230 and we will arrange an appointment for you to come in and discuss this with your child's class teacher or one of the management team.

## Our School Staff

Head Teacher	Mrs Annemarie Sands
Acting Depute Head Teacher	Mrs Karen Crockart
Class Teachers	Mrs Annette Jolly
	Mrs Cathy Lees
	Mrs Heather Ferguson
	Mrs Claire Mitchell
	Mrs Lesley Jack
	Mrs Judith Craig
	Miss Shona Booth
	Miss Amanda Rawlings
	Miss Jennifer Smith
	Mrs Pam Bicocchi
	Miss Elayne Robertson
Gaelic P1-3	Mrs Christina McGregor
Gaelic P4-7	Mr Hamish Munro
Nurture Class	Mr Kenneth Watson, Mrs Stella White
Nursery Teacher	Mrs Joanna Northcott
Pupil Support Teachers	Mrs Joan Williams Mrs Chris Appleyard
Reduced Class Contact Teachers	Mrs Meike Cooper Mrs Audrey McLeod
Early Years Practitioners	Ms Nicky Elder /Mrs Tracy McKillop/Mrs Jane Wilson/Mrs Lisa Simpson/Ms Lisa Scott/Ms Rachel Murray/ Mrs Marie Lindsay
Play Assistant	Mrs Mandy McElwee /Mrs Jenna Beckett/Mrs Jo Johnson
Clerical Assistants	Mrs Gayle Smith Mrs Ruth Salman
Pupil Support Assistants/Workers	Mrs Sandra Smith
	Mrs Janice Watkinson/ Mrs Pam Gray
	Miss Sian Baldwin/Mrs Aimee Stark
Janitors	Mr Niall McAllister
Lunchtime Supervisor	Mrs Sandra Smith
Community Link Worker	Mrs Christine Cattanach
Community Link Worker	Mr Gareth Bruce
Quality Improvement Officer	Mrs Kim Ramsay

## Attendance

Parents are required, by law, to ensure that their children attend school regularly. It is also important that they arrive on time in the mornings when their teacher is explaining what is happening that day. If your child is absent, please telephone the school before 9am on the first day of absence, to let us know. Our Absence Contact Line is 454243. Absences are carefully monitored so that we can help where there are difficulties with attendance. All absences are recorded electronically on a system called SEEMIS and this information is also available to Education & Children's Services.

If your child has a pattern of unexplained absence or absences which exceed 15% you will be contacted by Mrs Sands to discuss further to see if we can provide support to ensure your child attends school regularly. If there is no response from parents a formal letter advising Parents/Carers of absence rate and offering support will follow, however continued absence/non-engagement with school may ultimately be escalated by means of referral to the Perth & Kinross Attendance Sub Committee.

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17427/Attendance> further information can be found via this link.

We discourage parental holidays during term time. Family holidays will be marked in school as an unauthorised absence. This will be done even if you have told the school you intend to take your children on holiday. No school work will be given if a child is off for a family holiday.

## Complaints

If you have any concerns or complaints about the service we are providing, please contact the Headteacher in the first instance. All complaints will be recorded and acknowledged and dealt with in a sensitive manner. Every effort will be made to deal with your concern/query as soon as possible.

Any action taken will also be reported back to the complainant and a summary of the concern/query will be retained in the pupil records file.

The school deals with complaints as part of Perth & Kinross Council's Complaints Handling Procedure. Due to the size of the pupil population, schools have ongoing, sometimes daily contact with parents and carers when issues can be raised. This is a really important part of our on-going commitment to working in partnership with parents/carers to Get it Right For Every Child. Parents/carers should speak to the class teacher in the first instance as these concerns can often be dealt with informally. If parents/ carers are not satisfied with outcome, or would like to discuss further, then please speak to Mrs Sands (HT) or Mrs Crockart (DHT). Complaints to schools will be treated as a Stage 1 Front Line Resolution (FLR) when it requires a response or action at Headteacher or school Senior Management Team level.

The school deals with complaints as part of Perth & Kinross Council's Complaints Handling Procedure. More information is available on the Council's website as follows:

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/complaints>

Pupil Enrolment – We are very happy to meet with parents/carers who are interested in their child/ren attending Goodlyburn Primary. Please phone the school to make an appointment if you wish to speak to HT or DHT to visit the school.

## Communications

We now have a new School App which can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store – 'Primary School App', we also have a new website Our app and website <http://goodlyburnps.schoolwebsite.scot/> are our main sources of information and are kept current and up to date. We text message reminders of important events. We issue "Dates for your Diary" in all our newsletters, detailing key annual events (e.g. Parent Contact, Sports Day, Term Start and End Dates, Insets, curriculum sharing where parents can come to their child's class to see what they have been learning, parent information sessions and class assemblies) You can also find information on our parent council Facebook page (Goodlyburn Primary School Parent Council) School Newsletters are compiled and distributed, half termly,

by email. Newsletters can also be accessed on our website and we have hard copies available in the office.

Parent contact appointments are organised in the Autumn and Spring Terms each year.

We will make contact with you at home whenever there is a concern – by phone, email, text or letter.

We hold curricular specific sessions for parents/carers such as Internet Safety, or curriculum learning and are always open to suggestions on how we can develop communication with parents/carers to support their child's learning.

## **School Ethos**

Our Vision at Goodlyburn Primary is:

- To keep raising the bar,
- To inspire, educate and care for our children and
- To prepare them for life.

Our aims are to have:

- Included families
- Engaged Learners
- Involved Community

Learning at Goodlyburn focuses on developing...

- Strong Literacy and Numeracy skills
- Social, emotional and physical health
- Positive relationships and
- Active citizenship.

Pupil achievement is celebrated every week at assembly and through our website and twitter pages.

We have very good links with Perth College staff and students. Our children have visited departments and college students come into our school regularly. Social Vocational students, staff, and our children and staff in the Happy Hive are sharing their learning and teaching and everyone benefits.

We also work with other schools in PKC including our Local Management Group of primary schools which all feed into Perth Academy. This allows us to work together on curriculum development and moderation activities.

We have close links with local high schools including Perth High, Perth Academy and Perth Grammar and support young people with work experience opportunities.

We work closely with Letham St Marks and Reverend Stewart is our school chaplain. Our children also volunteer at the café, building intergenerational links within the community. We also have an intergenerational project with Strathtay House Care Home and our nursery and primary school children visit weekly.

Our Active School Co-ordinator works well with our school to provide a wide range of sporting activities for our children e.g. hockey, netball, multi skills etc.

We have been re-accredited with both our Permanent Green Flag in Eco Schools and also Health Promoting Schools Standard. We also hold our Level 2 (Gold) UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools' Award and our work in maintaining and building on this is ongoing.

Children regularly take on leadership roles in our school – Eco Warriors, Junior Road Safety Officers, Pupil Council, House Captains, LRC Monitors (Learning Resource Centre),

Assembly Producers, Rights Respecting School Steering Group, Digital Leaders and French Ambassadors. Groups update the whole school on developments at Assemblies and information is also shared via newsletters and our school website.

## **Positive Behaviour**

We recognise the importance of positive behaviour and positive thinking in our learning environment. This helps our children to be successful learners. We believe relationships are paramount in developing trust and we encourage children to have responsibilities within the life of our school. This develops confidence and our children are encouraged to voice their opinions, feelings and concerns and they are active participants in school life. Community Link Workers and Community Wardens are also involved in developing and maintaining a positive ethos in our school.

Each class has drawn up a Class Charter as part of our Rights Respecting ethos which reinforces the values of our School. There is a 'class of the week' and certificates are handed out to children from each class at assembly. House points are collected weekly by the House Captains who announce the results at assemblies. Weekly photographs are taken by children and displayed in the foyer.

Our resilience programme called Bounce Back supports all our work on building positive relationships and is embedded in our learning at Goodlyburn.

To enhance current positive behaviour strategies Restorative Approaches (RA) are being used. This puts repairing harm done to relationships and people over and above the need for assigning blame and dispensing punishment. RA enables our school to reflect on existing effective practice and identify possible areas for development to continue to ensure a receptive, positive culture.

If you would like more information on Restorative Approaches, please contact Mr Watson (class teacher) or Mrs Watkinson (Pupil Support Assistant) who are our named staff member with responsibility for developing Restorative Approaches.

## **Nurture**

Several staff members in our school are trained in nurturing principles. Our Nurture Class is called The Happy Hive and it is a room for a small group of children. At various times in our children's lives they may benefit from a little extra nurturing, this could be for a whole host of reasons including, bereavement, family break-ups or dealing with change. At these times the children may not be able to focus on their learning and the nurture environment helps support them in readiness for learning. The children learn through practical experiences with a balance of learning and teaching in a home like setting. Numeracy and Literacy are all accessed through active learning. Social skills are promoted through games, baking, puppets and role play, etc. The children remain part of their mainstream class and access the Happy Hive for differing amounts of time. Parents and carers are encouraged to visit and to join in activities with their children which including games, sewing, craft and cooking. Children usually access the nurture class on a part-time basis and return full time to their class after two to four terms.

## **Parental Involvement**

We are keen and actively encourage parents to visit and be involved in the life of the school.

Every parent in our school is a member of the Parent Forum and can bring any matter to the attention of the Parent Council. The Parent Council meet regularly throughout the year and are more than happy for new parents to become involved. Our Parent Council Chair is vacant at the moment as is our Vice Chair. Mrs Fiona McPherson is Treasurer and Mrs Naomi Sexton, Secretary. Our local Councillors are Councillor Harry Coates, Councillor Dave Doogan and Councillor John Rebbeck who support our school well and get involved in developments through our Parent Council.

We gather parent/carers views in a variety of ways including via questionnaires and use information provided as part of our self-evaluation process.

## Homework

Children receive regular homework and this has to be handed in by the end of the week. Homework will always be related to activities your child is doing in class and it is a good opportunity to support your child at home with their learning. Sometimes children are asked to do some research work, which also fits in with their learning.

We value your role as parents in helping your child to be a successful learner. We run a Homework Club to support children and their parents each Tuesday after school. Parents are invited to come along and have a cuppa while children have some juice and to work together on homework tasks. Staff are on hand to help and support.

The council's policy to support effective partnership working between school and home can be found by following the link below <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/parentalinvolvement>

## Transitions

Nursery to P1 - At the beginning of June parents are invited in for an information evening with Mrs Sands and the P1 teachers. You will get a 'Starting School' pack at this time which will give you additional activities for you to enjoy with your child. At this meeting you will be told your child's class teacher and you will be shown round the school. From January our pre-school children visit P1 for an active learning session every week. Children from outwith our Nursery are invited in to visit our P1 classes in June.

P7 to S1 – Our transition for our P7 children starts in November with visits to Perth Academy (our catchment school) and other Secondary Schools. Perth Academy staff visit our school to work with our children from November onwards. For some children an enhanced transition may be required and this will be identified through the ASN process in consultation with parents/carers. All children take part in a range of transition activities e.g. Day of Maths, workshops arranged by Community School at Bells Sports Centre and a two days induction visit to the appropriate secondary school in June. Each child completes a portfolio for our schools cluster yearbook.

There is a P7 Parents Information Evening led by Mr Lothian, Head Teacher, Perth Academy at Perth Academy.

Perth Academy contact information:

Headteacher: Mr John Lothian.  
Telephone: 01738 458000  
Address: Murray Place, Perth, PH1 1NJ.  
Email: Perthacademy@pkc.gov.uk

You can make a parental placing request to attend a secondary school, other than the catchment school. Further information on how to make a placing request is available online at

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17301/Placing-request>

## The Curriculum

The curriculum describes the totality of learning across curricular areas and subjects, interdisciplinary learning, the life of the school as a community and opportunities for personal achievement irrespective of where the learning takes place. It focuses on the quality of the curriculum as experienced by learners across stages and transition points.

Our curriculum ensures that all the children develop the attributes, knowledge and skills they will need to flourish in life, learning and work. The curriculum is underpinned by the four values inscribed on the mace of the Scottish Parliament - wisdom, justice, compassion and integrity. The curriculum is inclusive, is a stimulus for personal achievement and through the broadening of experience of the world, encourages our children to be informed and responsible citizens.

## Language

The study of language is an important aspect in all language learning and the development of literacy skills. At Goodlyburn Primary and Nursery, staff and children:

- Communicate, collaborate and build relationships
- Reflect on and explain their thinking
- Reflect on listening, talking, reading and writing
- Respond and act on feedback to improve learning
- Give useful feedback to others
- Engage with a rich range of texts in different media
- Explore the richness and diversity of language, how it affects people and the wide range of ways in which people can be creative
- Appreciate the power of language to influence and bring about changes
- Develop an understanding of relationships, motivations, ideas and actions
- Extend and enrich vocabulary through listening, talking, watching and reading
- Take advantage of the opportunities offered by digital learning.

In addition, children will continually reflect on their learning and develop an understanding of how language works and what is special, vibrant and valuable about our Scottish language and culture and other languages and cultures. Children will regularly make choices about what they watch, listen to, read, write and talk about. They will also regularly make choices about how they communicate with others and the resources they use.

Our children are all learning French through the Government initiative 1+2 which aims to have all children in primary school learning an additional language (French in Perth and Kinross) and experience of a further language by the time they move to secondary school.

## Maths

The study of maths and numeracy plays an important role in learning and is a fundamental life skill. At Goodlyburn Primary and Nursery, staff and children:

- Communicate, collaborate and build relationships
- Reflect on and explain their thinking
- Interpret and analyse information
- Make informed decisions
- Develop problem solving capabilities
- Develop mathematical thinking
- Use relevant contexts and experiences
- Make links across the curriculum
- Promote creativity and innovation

In addition, children will use technology appropriately and learn through active methods and purposeful play. They will engage in self and peer assessment and develop their ability to work independently and cooperatively.

The specific skills they will develop are –

- Estimation and rounding
- Number and number processes
- Fractions, decimal fractions and percentages
- Money
- Time
- Measurement
- Data Analysis
- Probability
- Patterns & relationships
- Properties of 2D shapes & 3D objects
- Angle symmetry & transformation.
- Financial education

## **Health & Wellbeing**

We have been re-accredited with Health Promoting School status. In addition to planning for learning outcomes above, our Health Improvement Team has worked effectively to implement Health and Wellbeing outcomes through whole school activities. Each year, our whole school and community focus for one week on an aspect of Health & Wellbeing and this is always well attended.

Our children have many opportunities to experience a range of P.E. activities e.g. swimming, rugby, football, athletics, gymnastics, cycling, dance, hockey, curling, cross country and netball.

We have been re-accredited with our Permanent Green Flag Eco Schools Award, through further engagement in whole school activities such as recycling, outdoor areas and sustainable developments, fair-trade, global dimension, etc. Each class has an 'eco' responsibility and our school grounds have been developed including our woodland area.

Our P5-P7 children have the opportunity to learn safe cycling skills through the progressive Bikeability programme, this is implemented during class time and in an after school club where children learn about the theory of road safety and then apply this practically outside. We actively encourage children to cycle and scoot to school and have provided cycle pods for the safe storage of bikes and scooters. Regular road safety events are held throughout the year to promote sensible choices and responsible actions.

Parents are informed about the sensitive aspects of learning e.g. relationships, sexual health, parenthood, drugs awareness through workshops that we offer in school every session.

## **Expressive Arts**

The inspiration and power of the arts play a vital role in enabling our children and young people to enhance their creative talent and develop their artistic skills.

Art & design, Dance, Drama and Music provide children and young people with opportunities to be creative and imaginative, to experience inspiration and enjoyment and to develop skills in each of these areas. Participation enables children and young people to experience and enjoy the energy and excitement of performing and presenting for different audiences and of being part of an audience for others.

Throughout the school year children develop their skills in all these areas and make presentations to parents and our community in a variety of contexts.

## **Social Studies**

Through social studies, children and young people develop their understanding of the world by learning about other people and their values, in different times, places and circumstances. They also develop their understanding of their environment and of how it has been shaped. To begin with, children will investigate their immediate surroundings - themselves, their home, their school gradually progressing to comparing their lives and surroundings with those of children in other countries and cultures.

As children progress through the school they will learn to apply techniques of observation, investigation and recording to the home, local, man-made and natural environments. They will be encouraged to consider the effect people have on their environment, in time as well as space.

During any study of the environment, past or present, children will have opportunities to use and develop skills which may seem to belong to other subject areas. Maths and Language are two major areas which benefit from the real situation learnt in social studies. We also aim to promote positive attitudes and values to other peoples and their cultures, to the achievements of famous people in the past, to being Scottish, European and a member of a world community.

## **Science**

Through the sciences, children and young people develop their interest in, and understanding of, the living, material and physical world. They can engage in a wide range of collaborative investigative tasks, which allows them to develop important skills to become creating and enterprising adults in a world where the skills and knowledge of the sciences are needed across all sectors of the economy.

## **Religious Observance**

Religious and moral education enables children and young people to explore the world's major religions and views which are independent of religious belief and to consider the challenges posed by these beliefs and values. It supports them in developing and reflecting upon their values and their capacity for moral judgement. Through developing awareness and appreciation of the value of each individual in a diverse society, religious and moral education engenders responsible attitudes to other people.

Our school holds weekly assemblies which provide opportunities for our children and staff to celebrate as a school community. Some of our P7 children are our Assembly Producers and they produce our assembly power points and are responsible for sound/music also. Our school chaplain, the Rev Jim Stewart of Letham St Mark's Church visits our school and works with school staff and children, leading some assemblies and working with us to further develop links with our wider community and beyond. On the last day of term in December and June/July we have an end of term service in Letham St Marks.

Guidance issued by the Scottish Government clarifies the current position regarding provision of religious observance in Scottish schools and sets out action for local authorities in planning this provision. Information can be found at

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education/Schools/curriculum/ACE/Religion>

Under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 "any pupil may be withdrawn by his/her parents for instruction in religious subjects and from religious observance". If you wish to withdraw your child from Religious Education, please discuss this with Mrs Sands. Your request will be dealt with sensitively and suitable arrangements will be made for the pupil to participate in a worthwhile alternative activity.

## Assessment & Reporting

### Recording, Reporting and Assessment

Each child's learning is tracked from P1-7 to ensure that their learning opportunities are appropriate to their needs. Children will take part in learning conversations with their teacher to discuss learning, what's gone well and what hasn't and to discuss next steps. This information informs future planning for children's learning.

At each stage, your child's progress is continually assessed through teacher observations and assessments, peer and self-assessments listening, talking, making & doing. Children's achievements are also recognised. Our Head Teacher and Depute Head go into classes to monitor learning and teaching and teachers also visit each other classes to share good practice.

Children are encouraged to reflect on their learning and identify their next steps/targets. You are invited in to school in November and March to discuss your child's progress with your child's class teacher and at the end of the school year you will receive a written report on your child's progress. Your child's class record their learning in class.

Pupils will progress through Levels, typically over a three year period with scope for breadth and depth of learning opportunities. Nursery- P1 is a typical Early Level duration, P2-P4 is a typical First Level 1 duration and P5-7 for Second Level.

Taking account of Curriculum for Excellence assessment guidelines, teachers will use their professional judgement to decide the level towards which each child is working. A teacher will collect evidence of that attainment from class work or may use a formal summative assessment to check his/her own judgement that a child has attained a level. As most children will normally take three years to cover the experiences and outcomes within each level, assessment is an ongoing process.

Nationally, attainment is gauged through the Scottish National Survey of Achievement outcomes which are not school specific. These are published on an annual basis.

Summative end of session reports to parents are issued to parents following Perth & Kinross Council Education and Children's Services guidelines.

## Support for Pupils

Support for learning is available to any child who requires help and we look at ways which best support your child. This may be through additional support from our Pupil Support Teachers, Support Staff, or other agencies e.g. Educational Psychologist, Community Link Workers, etc.

Parents are involved through discussions and meetings about their child and regular updates are given. Where possible, we support your child for most of the time in their classroom situation. At times your child may work in a small group with a Pupil Support Teacher.

Pupil Support Teachers work closely with class teachers and meet with Head Teacher and Depute Head termly to discuss all children's progress and liaise with teaching and support staff to ensure all our children's needs are met.

If you would like further information or support organisations identified under The Additional Support for Learning (Sources of Information) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011 are:

- a) Children in Scotland: Working for Children and Their Families, trading as "Enquire – the Scottish advice and information service for additional support for learning", a charitable body registered in Scotland under registration number SC003527;

Enquire offers independent, confidential advice and information on additional support for learning through:

Telephone Helpline: 0345 123 2303

Email Enquiry service: [info@enquire.org.uk](mailto:info@enquire.org.uk)

Advice and information is also available at [www.enquire.org.uk](http://www.enquire.org.uk)

Enquire provides a range of clear and easy-to-read guides and factsheets including The parents' guide to additional support for learning.

- b) Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance, a charitable body registered in Scotland under registration number SC033576; and
- c) Scottish Child Law Centre, a charitable body registered in Scotland under registration number SCO12741.

If you think that your child has additional support needs you should contact your child's class teacher in the first instance as they will have an overall picture of your child's progress. You can do this by contacting the school office or writing a note to the class teacher to request a meeting. Often class teachers will have identified a need and, in consultation with the Head teacher and Pupil Support Teacher, contact you to meet and discuss/identify any barriers to learning and agree next steps.

Other services/agencies are available to children in the form of Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Health, English as an Additional Language teacher, Autism Outreach and Educational Psychological Service. Any of these may work with classes or groups. If they become involved with individual children (eg. the Educational Psychologist), it is only after consultation with parents.

Sometimes a child will be part of a small group receiving extra help from the class teacher, a Classroom Assistant or a Support for Learning Assistant. At times the child may work out-with class in a small group, normally support will be given within the classroom situation. The role of Pupil Support Teacher is to provide consultation, advice and support to Class Teachers on how best to support those children who need it, within the mainstream setting, and to deliver support for learning where appropriate. Some pupils have an Individual Education Programme (IEP) to meet their particular needs. Others who have involvement with Social Work, Health services or other agencies may have a Coordinated Support Plan (CSP) to ensure continuity of provision.

For further information about Perth and Kinross Education Department's policy on Additional Support Needs, please follow this link:

[http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17278/Schools-additional-support- ---additional-support-needs](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17278/Schools-additional-support----additional-support-needs)

## **School Improvement**

We continually audit and improve how we work in our school and everyone is involved in developments.

The main achievements of Goodlyburn Primary School and Nursery can be found in our Standards and Quality Report which is published annually and is available on both the Perth and Kinross website and school website.

Our School Improvement Plan identifies all the actions for this year and is available on our website <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17511/Goodlyburn-Primary-School> or [Goodlyburn PS Website](#) and, on request, from Mrs Smith in the office.

## School Policies & Practical Information

### Authority Education Policies and Services

The authority website provides information on policy.

- School enrolment to include primary, placing requests and composite classes

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17276/School-enrolment>

- Grants and benefits to include free school meal entitlement, clothing grants, transport and music tuition

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17282/Schools-grants-and-benefits>

- Information on Educational Psychology Services

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/eps>

- Information on Child Health

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17899/Child-Health-Team>

- Primary School Meals

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17330/Primary-school-meals>

### School Uniform

Our children wear school uniform as below:

Navy/grey skirt or trousers (not jeans)	Navy sweatshirts with logo
White shirt or white polo shirt	School tie (optional)

School sweatshirts can be ordered from Mrs Smith in the school office. Children need gym shoes, dark coloured shorts and a white t-shirt (no football colours please) in school for weekly PE/drama. For safety reasons, children should not wear ear-rings at gym time, if ear-rings have to be worn they need to be covered with micro-pore tape. Children also need an outdoor P.E. Kit which can be any dark coloured tracksuit. An old 'art shirt' is useful for art and craft work to avoid ruining a good school uniform.

### Organisation of School Day

Our children line up in their classes in the playground and when the bell rings they are collected by their class teachers.

SCHOOL STARTS	P1-P7	9.00 am
Lunch time	P2-P3	12.35 - 1.20 pm
	P4 - P7	12.20 - 1.05 pm
School finishes	P1-P7	3.00 pm

[Note: P1 children are in school for half a day only for the first two weeks.]

### Supervision in Primary School Playgrounds outwith the school day.

We do not provide supervision in the playground before the start of the school day at 9.00am or at the end of the school day at 3.00pm.

Whilst children attending Breakfast club may be allowed to go out to 'play' after they have eaten, the guidance for Breakfast Clubs is that parents will first have given written permission on the basis that there is no supervision provided.

Given that we do not provide supervision until the start of the school day, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the pupils in the playground, children should not arrive at school before 8.45am. If children are hurt or injured emergency support such as first aid would be available from school staff.

Before school and once children have been dismissed by teachers at the end of the day children are no longer supervised and should make their way home according to their parents' wishes.

## **Arrangements for Emergency Closure**

### **EARLY CLOSURES: e.g. SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS - HEAVY SNOW, WIND, FLOODS**

If the school has to close during the school day, parents or emergency contacts will be informed via a text service to mobile phones. Please ensure that the school office has an up to date mobile phone number for you. Our school website will also be updated.

### **SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

If the school has to close during the school day you or your emergency contacts will be informed so it is very important that we always have up to date numbers.

If the decision to close is made out with school hours the information sources are as follows:

#### **Radio Tay** (used in all instances)

Frequency	AM 1584	FM 96.4	-	Perth only
Frequency	AM 1161	FM 102.8	-	Everywhere else

#### **Perth and Kinross Council Customer Service Centre**

(Available from 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours however this line **may** operate from 07:00 hours in exceptional circumstances).

**PKC Customer Service Centre** – Number for Parents/Carers 01738 475000 (main Council line)

**PKC website** [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

### **CLOSURES OUTWITH SCHOOL HOURS: e.g. SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The link below will detail information about school closures

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

#### **PKC Twitter & Facebook**

<https://twitter.com/perthandkinross>

<https://www.facebook.com/Perthandkinross/>

#### **Radio Heartland FM** (only used for widespread weather conditions)

Frequency FM 97.5, 106.6

Used if schools closed are within an area known not to receive Radio Tay signal.

#### **Radio Central** FM 103.1 (only used for widespread weather conditions)

**Wave 102 (Perth)** FM106.6

In the event of the school remaining open during heavy snow, parents should make the decision of whether or not to send their child to school based on the safety of walking conditions on the roads and pavements, our school playground will be in a similar condition.

## **HEALTH CARE**

### **EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS**

In the event of an emergency, [e.g. if your child becomes ill or has an accident] or in exceptional circumstances, the school may need to contact parents or emergency contacts. On rare occasions it may be necessary to send every child home. It is, therefore, most important that parents keep the school informed promptly about any change of address, telephone number or place of employment as well as any changes regarding emergency contacts. Forms prepared for this purpose are available upon request from the school office.

### **WHAT IF MY CHILD BECOMES ILL?**

If a child becomes unwell at school, we will contact parents/carers. If we cannot make this contact we shall call the emergency contact number in the pupil's records. It is therefore very important that we have up-to-date parental contact numbers and up-to-date emergency contact numbers in order to get your child home as soon as possible.

## School Term Dates and Holidays

For the most up-to-date information about school term dates and holidays please follow the link below to Perth and Kinross' website.

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/schoolholiday>

## Name of Child Protection Officer

We take our duty of care to our pupils most seriously, in Goodlyburn Primary School that is everyone's job. "Getting It Right For Every Child" (GIRFEC) introduces the concept of a Named Person. The Named Person is a professional within the universal services of health or education depending on the age of the child. From P1-P7 the Head Teacher is the Named Person and is the first point of contact for children and families and for other agencies when there are concerns about a child. The Named Person is usually the person to initiate action if a child needs extra help, and is critical in supporting early intervention.

The Named Person will monitor the child's progress and ensure they are continuing to be protected and their needs are met.

The Child Protection Officers in our school are Mrs Sands, Mrs Crockart and Mrs Northcott. If you have any concerns about a child protection issue, please contact Mrs Sands, Mrs Crockart or Mrs Northcott to discuss this concern. Mrs Sands, Mrs Crockart and Mrs Northcott update all staff regularly on Child Protection to ensure we are using the most up to date protocols and procedures.

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These eight words help everyone to understand wellbeing in the same way, and use the same language to talk about it. Sometimes the initials of the words are used and the wellbeing indicators are referred to as SHANARRI.

## Nursery

Our Nursery Handbook is available from our school office. We encourage all parents in Nursery to be fully involved in developments and we welcome helpers and visits from parents. If you would like more information about Nursery, please contact Mrs Northcott.

Morning Nursery starts at 8.45 am and finishes at 11.57am.

Afternoon nursery starts at 12.03 pm and finishes at 3.15pm.

Full day 8.45am-3.09pm

Further details of nursery provision in Perth and Kinross are available in the Council's "Policy & Guidelines for Admission to Nursery Schools and Classes for School", which can be accessed on the Council's website at the following address:

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/preschool>

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## **A Placing in Schools - Primary, Secondary and Special**

The policy of Perth & Kinross Council Education Authority is to assign to each school a defined zone known as a catchment area. Each home address has a catchment school for both primary and secondary education. The catchment schools are dependent on pupils' home address. Although we try to provide enough places for all children in the catchment area to attend the catchment school, living within a catchment area does not guarantee a child a place at that school.

In accordance with the provisions of the legislation, parents have a right to make a request that their child be placed in a school of their choice other than the school which normally serves the catchment area in which they reside. Parents' wishes will be met where possible. If the number of places in any particular school is limited, priority for admissions shall be determined on the following basis:

**Priority 1** – Children normally resident within the catchment area of the specified school.

Where the number of requests for admission to the specified school by children normally resident within the catchment area exceeds the number of places available, then priority will be determined as follows:

- (a) Children having a brother or sister (or relative permanently living at the same address as part of an extended family\*) in attendance at the school.
- (b) Thereafter places will be allocated according to the single criterion of distance from the specified school, with priority being given to those whose normal place of residence is closest to the school.

**NB Within denominational schools places will be allocated first to children who have been baptised in the appropriate faith i.e. (Roman Catholic and Episcopal Church)**

**Priority 2** – Children not normally resident within the catchment area of the specified school, but having a brother or sister (or relative permanently living at the same address as part of an extended family\*) in attendance at that school.

**\*provided that the member of the extended family for whom the placing request has been made has lived within that extended family for a period of at least two years.**

**Priority 3** – Children not normally resident within the catchment area of the specified school and having no brothers or sisters in attendance at that school.

In relation to Priorities 2 and 3, when it is necessary to refuse only some places because the number of requests exceeds the number of places available, priority will be determined as follows:

- (a) between children within Priority 2, priority will be determined by distance from the specified school, with priority being given to children whose normal place of residence is closest to the specified school.
- (b) between children within Priority 3, priority will be determined by the single criterion of distance from the school, with priority being given to children whose normal place of residence is closest to the specified school.

Placement may be recommended within a special school or provision when a child's education needs cannot be met in their catchment school. This will be based upon the assessment of the child's education needs by their parents, teacher, school medical officer, educational psychologist and health.

The Authority may also determine that particular pupils are to be placed in any school in order to meet specific educational or other exceptional needs, as determined by the Authority. These placements will take priority over any of the 3 priorities above.

Placing requests will normally be granted except where there are circumstances defined in the Act which justify the Authority's refusal of such a request.

**Parents who have made successful placing requests for their children at other schools of their choice have to make their own transport arrangements and meet the costs thereof.**

Any pupil who attends a primary school other than the one proposed by the Authority (ie as the result of a placing request) and who is due to transfer to a secondary school will be offered a place at the secondary school in whose catchment area he/she lives.

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17276/School-enrolment>

## **B School Commencement Arrangements**

The school entry date in Perth and Kinross is the first day of the school session (Wednesday 21 August 2019). A child is of compulsory school age on the first school entry date from his/her fifth birthday. If your child is five between 22 August 2019 and 29 February 2020 they are eligible to start school on **Wednesday 21 August 2019** and you should register your child for primary school during the January 2019 registration week, or alternatively, his/her parents may delay the registration until the beginning of the next school session.

Parents will be notified by advertisement in the local press to register their child/children in the school of their choice during a designated registration week in mid January. They will be invited to contact the Headteacher for further information about registration arrangements.

### **Early Registration**

Parents who enquire about the possibility of early registration (ie, of children whose fifth birthday falls after the last day of February) should note that early entry is discouraged, but are advised to contact Education & Children's Services on 01738 476200.

### **Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC)**

PKC Education and Children's Services are working towards the expansion of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) as outlined in the Scottish Government's Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland.

By 2020, all 3-5 year olds and eligible 2 year olds will have access to 1140 hours of fully funded ELC. This means that in PKC most children will experience early learning and childcare in a funded provider for at least two full days a week and some full days for 5 days a week.

As a result of the changes to a child's experience prior to beginning their Primary School education across PKC, Primary One children will attend school for a full day from August 2019 and therefore will no longer access ½ days for the first two weeks of term.

## **C Equal Opportunities**

Perth & Kinross Council values the diversity of the communities in this Council area and works towards providing services that are inclusive and accessible. Perth & Kinross recognises that social inclusion and promoting equality of opportunity and good relations between different groups can only be achieved by incorporating equalities into the planning and implementation processes for all Council Services. We have a duty to promote and develop the practice of equality of opportunity for all members of our community regardless of:

- Race
- Gender
- Marital/family status
- Disability
- Religion
- Sexual orientation

- Age
- Language
- Place of residence
- Socio-economic status

It is the responsibility of all staff to support a climate conducive to providing equal opportunities for all.

## **D School Meals**

It is the Authority's policy to provide meals and also facilities for the consumption of packed lunches in all schools.

Pupils in primary schools are offered a two course lunch with a choice of main course including vegetarian option, supplemented by salads and bread, which meet the nutritional requirements for food and drink in schools (Scotland) regulations 2008. A choice of milk or water is also included. Meals are, in the main, prepared from fresh ingredients by well trained personnel in a food safe environment.

There is a fixed, subsidised charge for a meal in a Primary school which is £2.15 (2018/2019). School meal charges are subject to review at any time.

School meals should now be paid through ParentPay, our online payment solution with parents/carers having much more choice of how, when and where they can pay for school costs using modern technology. School meals, trips and other school related items can be paid for online, on a smartphone, tablet or other mobile devices. Parents/carers have the ability to access their own secure account which will give information regarding their accounts, including amount paid, when paid and amounts outstanding. It will also provide increased security for pupils who will no longer have to carry large amounts of cash or cheques to school.

ParentPay is our preferred method of payment however the ability to pay through current payment methods will be maintained for those who do not have access to technology or do not wish to use the online payments option. Please contact the school for your ParentPay account activation code. <http://www.parentpay.com>

Medically prescribed diets can usually be accommodated within the school lunch service. A medically prescribed diet is one which has been prescribed by your GP or a hospital doctor. This does not include pupils who simply dislike certain foods. Written evidence from a doctor or registered dietician will be required prior to making special arrangements. Request forms are available from the school or the Council's website.

For more information on school meals including menus, meal photos and forms, please visit the website:

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

To access the current interactive menu which provides recipe and nutritional information, please visit:

<http://www.tayside-contracts.co.uk/school-catering.cfm>

and click on the interactive menu link. This site also contains details of forthcoming promotions.

For any other enquiry please contact:

Catering Support Team  
Support Services  
Education & Children's Services  
Perth & Kinross Council  
Council Building

2 High Street  
Perth  
PH1 5PH

Telephone: 01738 476341

E-mail: [ECSCateringSupport@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ECSCateringSupport@pkc.gov.uk)

### **Packed lunches for trips**

Packed lunches are available for school trips either free (as appropriate) or charged at the standard meal price. The school will normally ask if you require a packed lunch and offer choices as part of the trip registration process.

### **Home Lunches**

Some parents/carers may wish their child to go home for lunch, rather than remain at school.

The school's responsibility for the pupils at lunchtime relates to those who remain at school for either a school lunch, or a packed lunch. Parents/carers are responsible for pupils who go home for lunch.

There is no requirement for school staff to pass a primary age pupil into the care of an adult, so parents/carers must have clear arrangements in place, including whether the pupil can make their own way home, if they require to be met at the school and any contingency plans if arrangements are to change.

### **Free School Meals**

Access to free school meals is an important part of the school meals service in Scotland. It is important that pupils entitled to free school meals get them without fear of stigmatisation. They should not be made to feel different from those who pay, nor be readily identified by others. Our meal payment and pre-order systems fully support these aims.

### **Who is Eligible for Free School Meals?**

You can make an application for free school meals for your child(ren) of any age if you are receiving:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit (WTC), depending on your income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Working Tax Credit (WTC), depending on your income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Universal Credit where the monthly earned income does not exceed £610

If you are between 16 and 18 years old and receive any of these benefits in your own right, you can claim free school meals for yourself.

You may also be eligible if you are an asylum seeker receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

For more information on Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit visit the Inland Revenue Website: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk>

You can apply online for free school meals at the following link: <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Alternatively, application forms may be obtained from Headteachers or Education & Children's Services, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, PERTH, PH1 5GD. They are also downloadable from the internet at the link above.

## **Free school meals for children in primary 1 to 3**

Children in primary 1 to 3 have the option of taking a free school meal every day without the need to make an application to Perth & Kinross Council. For further information please contact your child's school.

Don't forget to submit an application form for Free School Meals for your child when he/she moves into P4 as they will no longer be automatically entitled to Free School Meals.

## **E School Clothing Grants**

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance or any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance, Education & Children's Services will consider one application per academic year for a grant towards the cost of purchasing essential clothing to enable children, up to the age of 16, to attend school.

You can apply online for a school clothing grant at the following link: <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/clothinggrants>

Alternatively, application forms may be obtained from Headteachers or Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, PERTH, PH1 5GD. They are also downloadable from the internet at the link above.

## **F Music Tuition**

The cost for music tuition in session 2018/2019 is £295.00 per year, with an additional charge of £97.25 per year for pupils who are involved in central groups. Further details on how to access the Music Service can be found in their Prospectus and Terms and Conditions document which can be located on their web page [www.pkcmusic.com](http://www.pkcmusic.com).

Pupils engaged in SQA music courses are exempt from the school based charged in the year that they are presented for the examination. In addition, parents/guardians in receipt of some benefits may also be exempt from charges. Full details of the exemption criteria can also be found in the Music Service's Prospectus.

## **G Travel to School**

The journey to and from school is a very important part of your child's day and it should be as safe and pleasant as possible. As a parent/carer you are responsible for ensuring this is the case. Where school transport is provided, responsibility is shared between the Council and parents/carers.

The school is very keen to reduce car travel to school and promote safe and healthy journeys to school which can help to reduce the use of the car and impact of the 'school run'.

The decision on whether a child is ready to make the journey to school independently, on foot, by bicycle, by public transport, etc, must rest with parents/carers and children themselves.

The Council wants as many children as possible to walk or cycle to school. We also want children to travel safely and to feel secure on the school journey. We are particularly aiming to increase levels of walking or cycling where journeys are less than a mile for younger children and less than two miles for older children.

Walking and cycling boosts children's health and well-being. It also allows them to travel independently and to access the range of flexible opportunities schools will increasingly offer outside the standard school day. Freedom to move around the local area independently is an important part of growing up. Other important benefits of active travel are development of social and life skills, less pollution and greater awareness of environmental issues.

If parents/carers have to drive, they can be asked to park away from the school - some schools suggest a local drop off point. Drivers can also be asked to think about teaming up with another family to share the school run. School Policies will obviously have to recognise different needs and circumstances: some staff and pupils may have no alternative to the car.

School Travel Plans are an essential part of Perth and Kinross Council's strategy to tackle issues related to school transport. School Travel Plans will frequently involve an element of engineering works required to improve the safety of the street environment for the school children, as well as the promotion of initiatives to increase the number of school children who walk, cycle or use public transport to get to their school.

A School Travel Plan is a strategy developed by each school to encourage and promote more active journeys to school for both pupils and staff. The role of the School Travel Plan is to make alternatives to driving easier and safer, and to give parents/carers plenty of information about the options.

A School Travel Plan can help to improve the school run, reduce congestion and increase road safety, make school and pupils healthier, make routes to school safer and look after our environment.

Please contact your school to find out more about their School Travel Plan or if you want to encourage or help your school to develop one.

Given these facts, please carefully consider your mode of transport to/from school with your child and try and leave the car at home if you can.

## **H Transport**

Free school transport is only available to pupils attending their catchment school and living more than two miles (primary) or three miles (secondary) from the school measured by the shortest available walking route.

Transport will be provided from a suitable point on the public highway. Please note that this can be up to two miles (primary) or three miles (secondary) from the pupil's home.

Parents of pupils who are refused school transport only have the right to appeal to the Review Sub-Committee of Lifelong Learning Committee where transport is withdrawn, or on the grounds of safety where there is no public service bus operating.

Where appropriate, the Authority may provide free transport for pupils who attend a special school or specialist unit.

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## **I Additional Support Needs**

Within Perth & Kinross a range of provision exists for pupils with additional support needs. Looked After Children, in line with Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2009 are considered to have additional support needs, unless it is otherwise determined at a relevant education planning meeting. A policy of supported mainstream inclusion is complemented by a range of specialist provisions. These are either attached to, or are part of mainstream schools. In addition, there is one all through special school (3-18) for children

with profound and complex difficulties.

Where a child has been identified as having additional support needs which cannot be met within the Authority, consideration may be given to placement in a special school (either within or outwith Perth & Kinross) for which a successful placing request has been made.

Where a child has been identified as having additional support needs for which suitable provision cannot be made in a day school, the Authority may provide residential special education at either a special school, within or outwith Perth & Kinross, nominated by the Authority or a special school for which a successful placing request has been made.

Parents moving into the area should contact:

Education Services  
Education & Children's Services  
Council Building  
2 High Street  
PERTH  
PH1 5PH.

Telephone: 01738 476280

## **J Parental Involvement/Parent Councils**

The Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006 became legislation in September 2006. This Act proposed changes which were implemented in August 2007 to abolish School Boards and replace them with Parent Councils.

All parents of pupils attending school are automatically members of the Parent Forum for that school, and will be entitled to have a say in what happens at the school.

The Parental Involvement Act aims to do several things:

- It aims to help parents become more involved with their child's education and in schools.
- It places duties on Scottish Ministers and education authorities to promote parental involvement, and a duty on each education authority to produce a strategy for parental involvement.
- It introduces a new system of Parent Councils to replace School Boards, aiming to make it easier for parents to express their views.

All schools have been working with parents to determine if a Parent Council is to be established for the school. The role of the Parent Council is to:

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

There are currently 76 schools in Perth and Kinross which have established a Parent Council. For more information on the Parent Council for your child's school, please contact the Headteacher.

### **Advice, Information and Concerns**

Parental communication is encouraged and valued. Your child's school is your first point of contact should you require advice, information or to raise concerns. The school will deal with

any concerns raised confidentially, timeously and work with you towards a resolution. Your school will advise you how to take your concerns forward should these remain unresolved.

Website link: <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/parentalinvolvement>

## **K Insurance**

The authority insures against its legal liability for (i) personal injury, provided negligence is proved against the Council and (ii) loss or damage to property of third parties except where the following exclusions apply:

- theft of personal belongings
- a pupil's own negligent actions
- the actions of a third party, ie another pupil
- expensive personal items, eg mobile phones, iPods.

Parents are advised that no insurance cover is maintained for circumstances in which the Council does not have legal liability, and may wish to consider making their own insurance arrangements.

## **L Child Protection/Looked After Children**

### **Child Protection**

National Guidance for all Child Protection Agencies ("Protecting Children") requires schools to report if they believe that a child may come to harm as a consequence of possible abuse.

Each school has a Child Protection Officer appointed to be responsible for child protection matters. This person is specially trained for the task.

All schools have good contacts with School Medical Officers, School Nurses and Police, any or all of whom may become involved if child protection concerns arise. Beyond this, close working relationships exist with social work staff who are also part of Education & Children's Services. Any discussion to bring in an outside agency to discuss a concern about a child will only be taken after involving the School Child Protection Officer. The Child Protection Officer will usually contact you to inform you if someone has expressed a concern about your child and discuss the situation with you in order to decide what will happen next, including what information, if any needs to be shared with other agencies. In less usual cases the Child Protection Officer may decide that the concern is so serious that they need to seek advice from Services for Children and Young People & Families (social work) before informing parent(s). These situations are unusual and we will endeavour to ensure that you are informed and are enabled to participate as appropriate in any action which we may initiate regarding your child should a child protection issue arise.

Should you wish to talk further about child protection and the safety of children please feel free to contact:

- your child/children's school
- the Child Protection Duty Team 01738 476768 (24 hour service)
- visit the council's website on [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk).

### **Looked After and Accommodated (LAAC) Children**

Each school has a designated LAAC Teacher who deals with all matters relating to children who are 'looked after' eg accommodated in foster or residential care, or who are subject to a supervision order through the Children's Hearing.

This designated teacher will be responsible for monitoring the progress of looked after children in the school and will provide a source of advice if your child is looked after.

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**Safe    Healthy    Achieving    Nurtured    Active    Respected    Responsible**  
**Included**

These eight words help everyone to understand wellbeing in the same way, and use the same language to talk about it. Sometimes the initials of the words are used and the wellbeing indicators are referred to as SHANARRI.

## **M    Access to Information – Parents and Pupils**

### **Parents**

The Pupils' Educational Records (Scotland) Regulations 2003 require the Authority to give a parent access to information relating to school pupils, past and present, held by them.

- The regulations cover information which originated from a teacher or other employee of the education authority, the pupil to whom the information relates or a parent of that pupil.
- The regulations only cover information relating to the school education of the pupil.
- The request must be in writing (or other permanent format for future reference purposes eg email/tape recording).
- The parent seeking access must provide the Authority with sufficient information to satisfy the authority of his/her identity and to enable the Authority to locate the information requested.\*
- The Authority must comply with a request within 15 school days of receiving a validated request. (A validated request means that the information requested at \*(see above) has

been provided.

This is only a brief outline of the basic legal provisions. The regulations contain further detailed rules. They also provide for certain exemptions from the right of access to information.

### **Pupils**

Pupil records and other educational records held by an education authority are generally accessible under the disclosure provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation.

- It is the person who is the subject of the record who is generally entitled to access (ie the pupil).
- A pupil of 12 years or over is presumed to have the understanding required to allow him/her to seek access.
- This would not apply where the pupil has a learning disability which the education Authority considers affects the pupil's ability to understand and exercise this right, making the pupil incapable in this respect.
- Where a pupil is not capable of exercising this right him/herself, a parent is generally entitled to exercise this right on behalf of the pupil as the pupil's legal representative.
- Parents cannot seek access under the Data Protection Act in their own right, but only as legal representative for a pupil who is not able to do it for themselves.
- The request must be in writing.
- The person seeking access must provide the Authority with sufficient information to satisfy the Authority of his/her identity and to enable the authority to locate the information requested.\*
- The Authority must comply with a request within 40 days of receiving a validated request. (A validated request means that the information requested at \*(see above) has been provided).

This is only a brief outline of the basic legal provisions. The Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulation contain further detailed rules. They also provide for certain exemptions from the right of access.

## **N Transferring Education Data about Pupils**

Education authorities and the Scottish Government Education Department have collected data about pupils on paper forms for many years. We now work together with schools to transfer data electronically through the ScotXed programme. Thus the Scottish Government has two functions: acting as a 'hub' for supporting data exchange within the education system in Scotland; and the analysis of data for statistical purposes within the Scottish Government itself.

### **What Pupil Data is Collected and Transferred?**

Data on each pupil is collected by schools, local authorities and the Scottish Government. The data collected and transferred covers areas such as date of birth, Scottish Candidate Number (SCN), postcode, registration for free-school meals, whether a pupil is looked after by his/her local authority, additional support needs including disability and English as an Additional Language (EAL), and attendance, absence and exclusions from school. The SCN acts as the unique pupil identifier. Pupil names and addresses are not passed to the Scottish Government.

Your postcode is the only part of your address that is transferred for statistical purposes, and postcodes are grouped to identify 'localities' rather than specific addresses. Dates of birth are passed on as 'month and year' only, again to ensure that individuals are never identified. Data is held securely and no information on individual pupils can or would be published by the Scottish Government.

Providing national identity and ethnic background data is entirely voluntary. You can choose the 'not disclosed' option if you do not want to provide this data. However, it is hoped that the explanations contained in this information and on the ScotXed website (<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed>) will help you understand the importance of providing the data.

A complete list of the Scottish Governments School Education data collections can be found here: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed/SchoolEducation>

### **Why Do We Need Your Data?**

In order to make the best decisions about how to improve our education service, the 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, or specific groups
- better understand some of the factors which influence pupil attainment and achievement
- share good practice
- conduct teacher workforce planning
- target resources better
- enhance the quality of research to improve the lives of people in Scotland
- provide a window on society, the economy and on the work and performance of government by
- publishing statistical publications and additional tables about School Education

- providing school level information

Extracts of the data will also be shared with The Electoral Registration Officer to offer the opportunity to register on the Electoral Roll when approaching their eighteenth birthday, Glow to access digital learning environments, ParentPay for management of online payment of school meals, excursions and activities; CRB for cashless catering, Groupcall for messaging services, Young Person's National Entitlement Card for access to public services across Scotland and with the NHS for monitoring the child health immunisation programme.

The Scottish Government Privacy Notice for children and young people can be found at <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed/SchoolEducation/ESPrivacyNotices>

The Perth & Kinross Council main education Detailed Privacy Notice can be found here: <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/detailedprivacynotices>

## **Your Data Protection Rights**

The collection, transfer, processing and sharing of ScotXed data is done in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and 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 message can give only a brief description of how we use data. Fuller details of the uses of pupil 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.

The Scottish Government works with a range of partners including Education Scotland, Skills Development Scotland and the Scottish Qualifications Authority. On occasion we will make individual data available to partners and also academic institutions to carry out research and statistical analysis. In addition, we will provide our partners with information they need in order to fulfil their official responsibilities.

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.

General Data Protection Regulation gives you the right to access your personal data. This is known as a Subject Access Request. Further details of how to make a Subject Access Request online or using the Subject Access Request Form can be found here: <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/20313/Accessing-your-information-Subject-Access-Requests> .

Note that it's not necessary to apply online or complete the form in order to submit a Subject Access Request, but they provide a useful guide to what details we need in order to respond. If you would like further guidance about how to submit a request for personal information, contact the Information Governance team on 01738 477933 or at [DataProtection@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:DataProtection@pkc.gov.uk)

## **Concerns**

The Data Protection Officer for this data is the Data Protection & Information Assets team, [dpa@gov.scot](mailto:dpa@gov.scot)

If you have any concerns around this data collection please contact the DPIAT team, or Mick Wilson, Head of Education Analytical Services ([Mick.Wilson@gov.scot](mailto:Mick.Wilson@gov.scot)).

Or by writing to: Education Analytical Services, Area 2A-North, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.

Alternative versions of this page are available, on request from the ScotXed Support Office, in other languages, audio tape, Braille and large print.

## **O Attendance**

Perth & Kinross Council is committed to working in partnership with parents, children and other stakeholders to ensure that, wherever possible, all children enrolled in our schools receive an education that maximises the opportunity for each child to achieve his/her potential.

In working towards this, Perth & Kinross Council Education & Children's Services' expects all schools to closely monitor the attendance of all children and young people.

It is every parent's legal duty to ensure that, if their child is of school age, they attend school regularly. Our staff in schools work with pupils and their families to ensure that pupils attend regularly and punctually.

Perth & Kinross Council has an Attendance Sub Committee to consider serious cases of school non-attendance. The membership of the Attendance Sub Committee is composed of Elected Members (Councillors) and parent representatives from Parent Councils in the area. It is advised by a representative of the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services). The Attendance Sub Committee convenes every 4 weeks during the school year.

If you are having problems with your child's attendance at school you should discuss this with the school in the first instance.

Website Link:

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17283/Schools-rules-attendance-and-behaviour>

## **P Family holidays**

Family holidays will be marked in school as an unauthorised absence. This will be done even if you have told the school you intend to take your child on holiday. No school work will be given, although some schools may consider giving you information about what will be covered during the absence.

Extended visits overseas to relatives or extended absence in relation to children of travelling people would be marked as an authorised absence.

Extended is defined as a period of more than **four** weeks. If you wish to discuss the matter further in relation to your child, please contact the school.

Website link:

[http://www.pkc.gov.uk/media/10239/Family-Holiday-Leaflet/pdf/Family\\_Holiday\\_Leaflet](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/media/10239/Family-Holiday-Leaflet/pdf/Family_Holiday_Leaflet)

## **Q Care Standard Inspections**

Social Care & Social Work Improvement Scotland (known as the Care Inspectorate) has a responsibility to inspect all nursery schools and classes on a regular basis. These inspections are part of the Regulation of Care Standards within Early Education & Childcare. Further information on Care Inspectorate inspections is available from the Headteacher or by contacting Care Inspectorate (telephone 0345 600 9527) or [www.careinspectorate.com](http://www.careinspectorate.com).

### **Nursery Inspection Process**

All providers of early learning and childcare for 2, 3 and 4 year olds are currently inspected by the Social Care & Social Work Improvement Scotland (known as the Care Inspectorate) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMI), part of Education Scotland. Staff follow national

guidelines for the early learning and childcare of children aged 2-5 years that encourage learning through play and the service must meet standards laid down by HMI. Further information on inspections is available from the Headteacher.

## **R School Crossing Patrollers**

It is very difficult to recruit School Crossing Patrollers. If the School Crossing Patroller terminates their employment, or is absent for any reason, it may not be possible to provide cover.

If this happens, Headteachers will inform parents.

Parents have a responsibility for ensuring that their children are able to travel to and from school safely, whether or not the Authority is able to provide safe routes or safe crossing facilities.

## **S Employment of Children**

The employment of children under the age of 16 is subject to compliance with Perth & Kinross Council bye-laws which outline permitted types of employment and permitted periods of working.

**Children under the age of 13 are not permitted to undertake any type of employment.**

Further details and an information booklet called 'The Employment of Children – Perth and Kinross Council Bye-Laws' is available from Education & Children's Services, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, PERTH, PH1 5GD.

Telephone: 01738 476200

E-Mail: [ecsschools@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecsschools@pkc.gov.uk)

Website: [www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17406/Employment-of-children-Permit-and-bye-laws](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17406/Employment-of-children-Permit-and-bye-laws)

## **T Childcare and Family Information**

Perth and Kinross Childcare and Family Information Service can supply details of childcare services within your local area including childminders and out of school care. The service also has a wide range of other information for families including leisure activities and support groups.

For further information please contact:

E-mail: [childcare@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:childcare@pkc.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0345 601 4477

Website: <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/childcare>

Families can also access information on the national website: [www.scottishfamilies.gov.uk](http://www.scottishfamilies.gov.uk)

## **U Complaints**

As part of Perth & Kinross Council, our schools are committed to providing high quality services. If something goes wrong or you are dissatisfied with the service provided at your school the Council's **Complaints Procedure** is there to help you.

The Council regards a complaint as 'any expression of dissatisfaction about our action or lack of action, or about the standard of service provided by us or on our behalf.'

Our schools aim to resolve complaints quickly. Should you make a formal complaint to your school you will receive a response at **Stage 1** of our procedure within **five working days**, unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you are dissatisfied with the school's response at Stage 1, you can ask for it to be escalated to the next part of the Council's complaints procedure.

**Stage 2** involves an investigation by an Officer appointed by the Head of Education Services. At this stage, Perth & Kinross Council will respond to your complaint **within 20 working days**. If the investigation is going to take longer, you will be contacted and a revised response date will be agreed with you. You will also be kept updated on the progress of your complaint.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you can contact the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO). The SPSO is the final stage for complaints about most organisations providing public service in Scotland. Their service is independent, free and confidential.

The SPSO cannot normally look at:

- a complaint that has not completed our complaints procedure
- events that happened, or that you became aware of, more than 12 months ago
- a matter that has been or is being considered in court.

The SPSO's contact details are:

SPSO  
4 Melville Street  
Edinburgh  
EH3 7NS

SPSO  
Freepost EH641  
Edinburgh  
EH3 0BR

Freephone: 0800 377 7330

Online contact: [www.spsso.org.uk/contact-us](http://www.spsso.org.uk/contact-us)

Website: [www.spsso.org.uk](http://www.spsso.org.uk)

Mobile site: <http://m.spsso.org.uk>

### **Additional Support for Learning - Resolving Disagreements**

There are routes for resolving disagreements where a child or young person has additional support needs. Further information is available in our **Information Sheet on Resolving Disagreements** available on the Council's website: [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk) or by contacting **Tel No: 01738 476790**.

Further information on the Council's Complaints Handling Procedure is available on the Council's website: <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/complaints>

## V Further Information

In all cases relating to your child's education you should discuss the matter with the Headteacher. If further information relating to your child's education is required, you should contact:

Education & Children's Services  
Council Building  
2 High Street  
PERTH  
PH1 5PH

Telephone: 01738 476200  
E-Mail: [ecsschools@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecsschools@pkc.gov.uk)

If you or someone you know would like a copy of this document in another language or format, (on occasion only a summary of the document will be provided in translation), this can be arranged by contacting  
Customer Service Centre on 01738 475000.

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الاسم: Customer Service Centre  
رقم هاتف للاتصال المباشر: 01738 475000

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Customer Service Centre 01738 475000

You can also send us a text message on 07824 498145.

All Council Services can offer a telephone translation facility.