

Killermont Primary School Handbook

2026-2027



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Welcome from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Killermont Primary. We aim to provide a safe, happy and caring environment where children learn respect for themselves and for others. We offer a broad and relevant curriculum and work to ensure our pupils achieve the highest possible standards according to their ability. We aim to help our pupils become independent learners, be aware of their social responsibilities, be creative, healthy and develop a positive attitude to life.

Killermont is a busy school that encourages partnership with parents and the wider community. We have an active Parent Council, an enterprising P.T. A. who organise many social and fundraising events over the school year and many parents support their children at school in a variety of ways.

We value the good relationships we have between parents and teachers and recognise that these are essential for success. We must work together to ensure that pupils develop their full potential and make effective use of their time in education.

We have very effective links with the schools and nurseries in the local area, as well as our own purpose built Killermont Early Years Centre. Our secondary feeder is Bocclair Academy with which we enjoy very strong links.

If after reading this handbook you require further information about Killermont, please have a look at our website or feel free to get in touch.

We hope that your child will be happy with us at Killermont.

Yours sincerely,

Frances McLauchlan
Head Teacher



Information about the school



Killermont Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Centre is situated on the east side of Bearsden, within a residential, suburban community. The school was moved to its current site in 1997 and as a fairly new school we have a bright, attractive, open plan building with a good range of modern facilities. Following recent building works we now have 14 class bases, a music studio, a library, a gym hall and a separate bistro for school lunches. An outdoor multi-use games area was also added to improve our outdoor play provision. An Early Learning and Childcare Centre class is also attached, see the Early Learning and Childcare Centre Handbook for more information about our provision.

Address: 1 Aviemore Gardens
Bearsden
G61 2BL

Telephone Number: 0141 955 2264 (school)
0141 955 2265 (Early Years Centre)

E-mail: office@killermont.e-dunbarton.sch.uk
nursery@killermont.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

Website: www.killermont.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

Present Role: EYC – 85
School - 400

Stages covered: 2-5 years – Early Years Centre
Primary 1 – Primary 7 – School

Class structure:	Early Level	First Level	Second Level
	Early Years Centre	Primary 2A	Primary 5A
	Primary 1A	Primary 2B	Primary 5B
	Primary 1B	Primary 3A	Primary 6A
		Primary 3B	Primary 6B
		Primary 4A	Primary 7A
		Primary 4B	Primary 7B

When required, composite classes are formed in line with East Dunbartonshire's guidelines. There is a class reduction policy implemented within the P2-P3 stages where no class will be larger than 30 and where possible, no larger than 25 in P1.

Denominational Status: Non-denominational
Status: Co-educational

Parents should note that the working capacity of the school may vary depending on the number of pupils at each stage and the way in which the classes are organised.

Community Facilities: Those wishing to let the premises should contact
CLD & Childrens Services (School Letting Office)
The Marina
Strathkelvin Place
Kirkintilloch
G66 1TJ
Tel no: 0300 1234510
email: letting@eastdunbarton.gov.uk



Staff Information

Head Teacher	Frances McLauchlan
Depute Head Teachers	Elaine Graham Amy Macdonald
Principal Teacher	Colin Henderson
Teaching Staff	
P1A	Jess O'Brien (0.8FTE)/Laura Lott (0.2FTE)
P1B	Natalie Morris
P2A	Olivia Stansfield(0.8FTE)/Evelyn Vandal (0.2FTE)
P2B	Tamilla Matchett
P3A	Laura Lott/Orla Donaghy
P3B	Catriona McGeechan
P4A	Elaine Newell
P4B	Max Clarke (0.8fTE)/Rachael Kelly(0.2FTE)
P5A	Stacey Salisbury (0.5FTE)/Cherrie Watt (0.5FTE) - Team teaching
P5B	Cat Mitchell
P6A	Lesley Docherty/Anna Best (Team teaching)
P6B	Catriona Reoch/Carolyn Lawrence (Team teaching)
P7A	Gillian Mathieson
P7B	Adam Roberts
RCCT teachers	Cara O'Connell/Laura Elliot/Karen Carletti/Gillian Mackinnon
Administrative Assistant	Arlene Ballantyne
Clerical Assistant	Claire Stewart
Support Staff	
	Jaqueline Cassidy Kelly Crangle Carol Currie Jackie Goodall Lynn Keating Berni McArthur
Housekeepers	Claire McBride Suzie Valentine
Building Manager	Thiago Bittar
Catering Supervisor	Angela Duffy
School Support Co-ordinator	Michelle Brown



School Hours

Primary 1 pupils attend school full time from the start of the new session in August.

School starts at 9 a.m.

There is an interval each morning from 10.30a.m – 10.45 a.m.

The lunch break is from 12.15p.m. - 1.p.m.

School finishes at 3 p.m.

After School Care:

There are no facilities within Killermonst for after school care. However, the following after school establishment arranges transport to their premises:

Step by Step – 0141 942 7201

Gym Days

All pupils have a statutory entitlement to two hours of PE each week.

These are as follows:

Class	PE Session 1	PE Session 2
P1a	Tuesday	Wednesday
P1b	Tuesday	Wednesday
P2a	Thursday	Friday
P2b	Monday	Wednesday
P3a	Monday	Thursday
P3b	Monday	Friday
P4a	Tuesday	Thursday
P4b	Tuesday	Thursday
P5a	Monday	Wednesday
P5b	Monday	Thursday
P6a	Tuesday	Friday
P6b	Wednesday	Thursday
P7a	Thursday	Friday
P7b	Thursday	Friday

PLEASE NOTE: The use of the word 'parent' throughout this document refers to parents, carers and guardians, if not already stated.



Holiday Dates 2026 - 2027

School holiday dates

Holiday	Dates
August 2026	
Teachers return (In-service day)	Thursday 13 August
In-service day (teachers)	Friday 14 August
Pupils return	Monday 17 August
September 2026	
September weekend	Friday 25 September to Monday 28 September
Pupils and Teachers return	Tuesday 29 September
October 2026	
In-service day (Teachers)	Friday 9 October
October break	Monday 12 October to Friday 16 October
Pupils and Teachers return	Monday 19 October
December 2026 and January 2027	
Last day of term	Friday 18 December
Christmas and New Year	Monday 21 December to Monday 4 January
Pupils and teachers return	Tuesday 5 January
February 2027	
February break	Monday 15 February to Tuesday 16 February
In-service day (Teachers)	Wednesday 17 February
Pupils return	Thursday 18 February
March 2027	
Easter Weekend	Friday 26 March to Monday 29 March
Pupils and Teachers Return	Tuesday 30 March
April 2027	
Last day of term	Friday 2 April
Easter Break	Monday 5 April to Friday 16 April
Pupil and Teachers Return	Monday 19 April
May 2027	
May Day (closed)	Monday 3 May
Inservice Day (teachers only)	Tuesday 4 May
Pupils and teachers return	Wednesday 5 May
May weekend	Friday 28 May to Monday 31 May
June 2027	
Pupils Return	Tuesday 1 June
Last day of school	Wednesday 30 June



Attendance at School

Scottish local authorities have the responsibility to review and revise their procedures for managing situations where children fail to attend their school/early years centre and no explanation for absence is received from their parents/carers. East Dunbartonshire Council recognises that under such circumstances, children may be vulnerable to harm and that timely steps must be taken to ensure that an absent child is safe and well.

Attendance must be recorded twice a day, morning, and afternoon. Each child's absence from school to be recorded in the school register as authorised i.e. approved by the authority, or unauthorised i.e. unexplained by the parent (truancy) or temporarily excluded from school.

The Scottish Government emphasises the need for schools to support attendance for all and create appropriate support for those who find attending school a challenge. Attendance is defined as the "participation in a programme of educational activities arranged and agreed by the school" (Included, Engaged and Involved: Part 1). Engaging in school and in learning is crucial to ensure that children and young people meet their full potential.

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE	NUMBER OF DAYS MISSED OVER AN ACADEMIC YEAR	FURTHER INFORMATION
95%	9 days	Attendance at or above this level gives a learner the best chance of success.
90%	19 days	Attendance at this level leads to less chance of success. Data shows that learners missing this much school could drop a whole grade in secondary.
80-85%	27-36 days	Attendance at this level has serious implications for learning and progress.

There are a key rights, duties and legal obligations in relation to attendance as outlined in '[Included, Engaged and Involved \(Part 1\)](#)'. These are set out below:

- All children and young people have a right to education; and education authorities have a duty to provide education.
- All children and young people have the right to get the support they need to benefit fully from their education and fulfil their potential.
- All children and young people need to be included, engaged and involved in their learning. Children and young people should be given opportunities to fully engage and participate in the life of their school, in order to encourage good attendance.
- Schools should actively engage with parents to try to ensure that any barriers to good attendance are removed.



- Schools and partners should work collaboratively to promote and support good attendance.
- The foundation for schools, learning establishments and education authorities is a focus on positive relationships and an inclusive ethos and culture that promotes good attendance. Attendance should not be considered in isolation.

Included, Engaged and Involved (Part 1)

Un-notified Absence

Parents/carers have the primary duty of care for their children. During school/centre hours (and during registered school/centre activities), schools/centres must take all reasonable steps to keep children safe from harm. The effective implementation of the procedures will require parents/carers and schools/centres to exercise their respective duty of care and to work in partnership to help to ensure that children are kept safe from harm.

In order to respond appropriately to an un-notified absence, it is important that parents/carers exercise their duty of care, by notifying the school/centre when their child will be absent and the reasons for this. Each session parents/carers will be required to notify their child's school/centre of all absences.

Missing in Education

Children missing from education are children and young people of compulsory school age who are not on a school roll and are not being educated otherwise (at home, privately or in an alternative provision). They have usually not attended school for a period of time.

Additional guidance is in place to ensure inter-agency collaboration, involving education services, social work, health services and the police to ensure the safety and educational development of the child. The process aligns with The Children Missing from Education (Scotland) Service in Scotland. ([Attendance, exclusion and missing from education - Schools - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/publications/attendance-exclusion-and-missing-from-education/schools/pages/12.aspx)).

Schools should ensure their Child Protection Co-ordinator is notified and seek central support from the ASN and Children's Services team if they have any concerns.

Family Holidays

Every effort should be made to avoid family holidays during term time as this seriously disrupts a child's education and greatly reduces learning time. It should be noted that it not only has an adverse effect on a child while he/she is absent from school, but also leads to extended disruption to a child's education for a period of time when he/she returns to school after the family holiday. Family holidays will only be regarded as authorised absence where prior agreement from the school has been obtained and where it is judged the holiday is important to the wellbeing and cohesion of the family, following serious or terminal illness, bereavement, or other traumatic events.



Parents may request that their children be permitted to be absent from school to make an extended visit to relatives. This leave will be regarded the same as a family holiday but will be recorded separately from school holidays for attendance purposes. Requests should be made in writing detailing the destination and the duration.

Clearly with no explanation from the parents, the absence is unauthorised.

Information regarding exceptional closures

We make every effort to maintain a full educational service, but on some occasions, circumstances arise which lead to disruption. Schools may be affected by, for example, severe weather, temporary interruption of transport, power failures or difficulties of fuel supply. In such cases we shall do all we can to let you know about the details of closure or re-opening. We shall keep you updated using the usual digital methods of communication used by the school i.e. email, Groupcall or social media. There will also be updates on the website www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Parental Communication with School in Case of Emergency

It is important that parents keep contact with the school to a minimum in the case of an emergency. When you telephone the school, you will be asked for a contact number and your message will be repeated back. Please ensure the pupil's name, class and/or teacher's name is given.

Please ensure that your child knows their home/pick up plan each day. If there are any changes to childcare arrangements, please inform the school before 2.30pm. This should only happen in exceptional circumstances.

Comments, Compliments and Complaints Procedure

We are keen that you should be completely satisfied about your child's education, and we encourage feedback on our services from parents and pupils. We are, therefore, interested in feedback of all kinds, whether it be comments, compliments, or complaints.

If you want to register a comment of any type about the school you can do this by writing, e-mailing, telephoning or making an appointment to see someone. All feedback is welcome and keeps us in touch.

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

In relation to making a complaint:

- Stage 1 – Frontline resolution, we will always try to resolve the complaint quickly and to the customer's satisfaction wherever we can. This resolution will be provided within five working days, unless there are exceptional circumstances.



- Stage 2 – Investigation, if you are dissatisfied with the decision at stage 1, the complaint will be investigated, acknowledge in three working days and decision provided as soon as possible but within twenty working days.
- If you are still unhappy after the further investigation and reply you can take the matter up with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO), our reply will include the contact details.
- You should also note that you have the right to raise unresolved concerns with your local councillors, MSP or MP.

Child Friendly Complaints are processes designed to allow children and young people to raise concerns or complaints in a way that respects their rights, ensure accessibility, and provides appropriate support.

Child-friendly complaints processes are structured to **empower children and young people** to express concerns about services, treatment, or decisions affecting them. These processes are guided by the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)**, ensuring that children's rights are central to complaint handling and that their views are taken seriously

The benefits of ensuring our Child Friendly Complaints processes are fully embedded ensures that:

- They can voice their concerns safely and confidently
- Receive responses that respect their rights and needs
- Contribute to improvements to the Council through meaningful feedback

In embedding these principles East Dunbartonshire are complying with our legal obligations under the **UNCRC**, and fostering a culture of respect, inclusion and accountability for children and young people.

Further information can be found using the following link - [Child Friendly Complaints | SPSO](#)

We will take account of our parent/carer needs and will respond with patience and understanding when parent/carers have specific requirements of us. We recognise that some of our parent/carers will encounter the Council at difficult times in their lives and/or when experiencing challenging circumstances, and that this may cause them to act in ways that are out of character, however, the Council has clear expectations around how we aspire to deliver excellence in parent/carer services. We would always suggest contacting your child's school in the first instance to try to respond to any complaints quickly.

For further information around Council policy please see the link below:

[Unacceptable Behaviour Policy 2024 – 2028 - East Dunbartonshire Council](#)



Parental Engagement in the School

All East Dunbartonshire Council school's welcome parental involvement as research has shown that when parents are involved children do better in school.

[Scottish Schools \(Parental Involvement\) Act 2006](#)

[Family engagement and support for parents - East Dunbartonshire Council](#)

Parents Welcome

We want to work in partnership with you to provide an effective and inclusive educational environment that enables all pupils to achieve their potential.

Parents Meetings are held twice a year, November and March. These are times when it is possible to have a helpful talk with the teacher to discuss progress made by pupils and exchange information.

If any problems should arise at any time parents are welcome to telephone the school to make an appointment to see a member of the Senior Leadership Team or a member of staff. Pupil reports are issued towards the end of each academic year, giving a full comment on a pupil's progress including their strengths and development needs.

A monthly newsletter is produced to keep you informed about everything that is happening in school. The newsletters are e-mailed to the children's main contact and are also available on the school website.

Our website aims to provide helpful advice, information and links to support children and parents. We are also on X, do consider following us [@KillermontPS](#) to get regular updates about all our activities. However, we do not post any pupil images on X due to their data ownership policies. Class teachers post regularly on Seesaw to keep you up to date with events and celebrate achievements.

We use e-mail and text messaging as our primary methods of contacting parents and ask that you keep us up to date with any changes to either your e-mail address or mobile phone number.

Parental Involvement

Other ways of developing the home and school partnership include:

- Curricular workshops
- Attending class open days and assemblies
- Volunteering as a Parent Helper
- Parental questionnaires/feedback sheets etc to gather parental views
- Class newsletters / homework information / using digital apps such as Seesaw
- Sharing aspects of learning with you e.g. relationships, sexual health and parenthood education
- After school clubs – e.g. Parent & Child book club



- Transition meetings with Bocclair Academy the feeder Secondary School.

Take a look at the Parentzone website www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk for more information on parental involvement.

Parent Councils

Parent Councils are the formal representative body for parents / carers with children attending school. Parent Councils are different in each school to enable them to meet the needs of parents / carers locally.

Parents are welcomed to be:

- involved and engaged with their child's education and learning
- be active participants in the life of the school
- express their views on school education generally and work in partnership with their child's school

All parents / carers are automatically members of the Parent Forum at their child's school. As a member of the Parent Forum all parents can expect to –

- receive information about the school and its activities
- hear about what partnership with parents means in our school
- be invited to be involved in ways and times that suit you
- identify issues you want the parent council to work on with the school
- be asked your opinion by the parent council on issues relating to the school and the education it provides
- work in partnership with staff
- enjoy taking part in the life of the school in whatever way possible

The Parent Forum decides how their representatives on the Parent Council are chosen and how the Parent Council operates. Parents / carers are encouraged to volunteer or put themselves forward to be chosen as representatives of the Parent Council if they wish.

The main aims of the Parent Council are:

- To support the school in its work with pupils
- To represent the views of parents
- To promote contact between the school, parents, pupils, providers of Early Learning and Childcare education (*if applicable*) and the community
- To report to the Parent Forum
- To be involved in the appointment of senior promoted staff.
- To raise funds for the school for the benefit of pupils (in some schools the PTA fulfils this role).



More information can be found on the school website or by contacting The Chair, Katie Allan, at killermontpc@gmail.com

For more information on parental involvement or to find out about parents as partners in their children's learning, please contact the school or visit the Parentzone website at www.education.gov.uk/scot/parentzone

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA is mainly responsible for arranging events for parents and raising funds for the school. Volunteers are welcome – please contact the PTA if you want to join.

We are very lucky at Killermont to have an active and vibrant PTA who organise a selection of social and fundraising events for pupils and parents.

Meetings are held in the school approximately every six weeks and new volunteers are always welcome. The PTA newsletter gives regular information about their activities.

Please contact Ashleigh Theunissen at ptakillermont@gmail.com for more details.

The Scottish Parent Teacher Council (now known as Connect) is the national organisation for PTAs in Scotland and runs an independent helpline service for all parents. They can be contacted by phone on 0131 474 6199, or email on info@connect.scot or write to Connect, Mansfield Traquair Centre, 15 Mansfield Place, Edinburgh EH3 6BB.

Pupil Voice

We want to ensure our pupils views are heard and have a number of ways our pupils can contribute.

Learning for Sustainability

Killermont is an ECO school and has gained six green flags.

The Community Committee has a representative from each class and work hard to ensure we are ECO friendly through environmental projects, recycling and energy saving schemes.



Rights Respecting School

We became a Rights Respecting Gold Standard School in conjunction with UNICEF UK, in March 2019. Our aim is to put children's rights at the heart of our school's practice and ethos where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted. Our pupils learn about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, developing our ethos and language of rights and encouraging all pupils and adults to strive to put it into daily practice. Pupils have a range of opportunities to express their views, be listened to and to influence progress in our school to become a recognised rights respecting environment in which to learn and develop to their full potential.



STEM Leaders & Digital Schools Award





We use various forms of digital technology to enhance learning across all areas of the curriculum. In 2019, we were awarded the Digital Schools Scotland Award (full report can be read [here](#)) for our innovative use of technology across the school. We have continued to build on this award, with pupils taking a leadership role for digital learning through our STEM Leaders Committee. Pupils on this committee also begin their journey to become certified Young STEM Leaders.

Pupil Council - '10@10' model

This session our pupil council will be supporting a new format of 10 pupils meeting with the Head Teacher at 10am on Friday mornings after assembly. This is to increase the number of children's voices being heard and to offer more regular opportunities to discuss issues with the Head Teacher.



Sports Committee

We recognise it is very important to encourage all our pupils to be physically active. Our Sports Committee regularly meet to discuss how to improve and extend our after school clubs, sporting competitions and ways to develop physical activity.

In September 2017 we achieved a Sports Scotland, Gold School Sport Award in recognition of our achievements in putting quality physical education and school sport at the heart of our planning, practice and ethos.

School Houses

Pupils and staff are allocated to one of our four houses, Campbell (Yellow), Colquhoun (Blue), Douglas (Green) or Lennox (Red).

Elections are held at the beginning of each session to elect Captains for each house from our Primary 7 pupils.

We encourage pupils to wear their house badge at all times and house colours eg: sports t-shirts which can be purchased from the uniform shop.

Inter-house competitions are held throughout the year and on Sports Day the children compete in house teams.

This session, our House Captains will have greater involvement in the life of the school by taking on some of the role of the previous pupil council in terms of representing children across the school, discussing issues and having an authentic role in decision making.

The School and Community

The school and its pupils have an important contribution to make to the local community. Respect for others and a caring attitude are fostered at every opportunity.

The school does a great deal of fund raising for local, national and international charities. You will be kept informed about these by our school newsletter throughout the session.





We also have strong links with businesses, local religious establishments, voluntary groups and sports clubs in the area. All of these help to give our pupils opportunities to learn and develop across a wide range of skills.

EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL VISION VALUES AND AIMS



The Vision for the Education Service is **'Excellence for All - A commitment to excellence, equity and inclusion that empowers all children and young people to succeed in learning and life'**.

This Vision is combined with the carefully chosen values of respect, courage, creativity, fairness and trust to encapsulate the skills, actions and values expected for all our staff, children and young people.

Underpinning our commitment to continuous improvement for all, five aims were identified as overarching priorities. These aims will be measured against the Education Service improvement priorities to ensure a key focus on improving outcomes for all.

These are as follows:

Equity & Opportunity

To reduce barriers, promote equity, and enhance opportunities so all learners can thrive in a diverse, inclusive and creative learning environment.

Family & Community Partnerships

To work collaboratively with families and communities, putting children's rights at the heart of decision making and supporting family wellbeing.

Learning and Teaching

To deliver high-quality innovative learning and teaching, that supports wellbeing, achievement and attainment for all.

Child Centred and Future Focussed

To provide an education system based on relationships and collaboration to prepare every learner for a successful future.

Inclusion and Empowerment



To foster a nurturing and inclusive environment where everyone feels respected, safe and inspired to achieve their full potential.



The visual representation of the Vision, Values and Aims was carefully considered. The symbolisation of mind, knowledge, growth, and success is at the heart of the concept. The graphic combines the brain representing critical thinking; the light bulb as a symbol of ideas and innovation; the heart as a symbol of care, compassion and emotional intelligence; the open book as the traditional symbol of knowledge and learning and finally the laurel symbolising growth, harmony and

aspiration.

Education Scotland's Thematic Review of the Education Service in September 2024 highlighted the following strength.

"The culture of high levels of trust, high aspirations and high expectations permeates all levels of the system. The relationship-based approach leads to highly effective collaboration at all levels with a strong focus on improving experiences for children and young people."

School Ethos

The school is committed to supporting the development of its pupils as whole people and as a result, wishes to encourage their development in spiritual, moral, social and cultural terms.

We aim to foster in our children values and attitudes which will serve them well throughout their whole lives as we firmly believe that the span of years between four and twelve is most formative and is filled with enthusiasm for living. This is achieved by encouraging and channelling energies into the development of a balanced and mature person, able to function on his or her own and with others, displaying social values of benefit to the child and to the community at large.

Within this section you will find detailed the aims for the school which reflect the ethos created by all staff and pupils in the school.

The vision for our school is being reviewed and renewed this session and consultation is ongoing with all stakeholders. This will lead to a vision statement which reflects the motto of 'Never Give Up, Never Give in; Educating our pupils for life.

Our school values are:

HONEST KINDNESS RESPECT FAIRNESS



In Killermont Primary we aim to:

- Provide a safe, stimulating, inclusive and happy learning environment where children's wellbeing is a priority.
- Raise attainment and achievement by providing a broad and relevant curriculum which supports, challenges and motivates all learners to succeed.
- Ensure children know about rights, can exercise their rights, have their voices heard and valued, and can recognise the rights of others.
- Develop successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.
- Foster positive and productive partnerships collaborating with parents, outside agencies and the wider community.
- Support the professional development of staff in order to provide a high quality learning and teaching environment.

Celebrating Achievement

We hold a weekly Friday morning assembly. Celebrating achievement is a key aspect of these and in and out of school learning is celebrated. We also celebrate birthdays at assembly. We have a 'Golden Bench' assembly at least once per term for celebrating achievements outside of school.

Equal Opportunities for All

In East Dunbartonshire, all children and young people are entitled to participate fully in a learning community which promotes equality of opportunity and seeks to protect against all forms of discrimination.

The school believes that pupils and staff have the right to learn in a caring and safe environment. Staff will not tolerate any behaviour or attitudes which lead to staff and pupils being humiliated or harmed because of their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

The General Equality Duty was created by the Equality Act (2010) and replaces the race, disability, and gender equality duties. The duty came into force in April 2011 and covers age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion, or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

The school is committed to the requirements of the Equality Act (2010) and as such we will have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation.
- Advance equality of opportunity between children and young people who share a characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between different groups.



The school will take cognisance of the Equality and Human Rights Commission's 'Technical guidance for schools in Scotland' in the development of its policy and practice.

[Technical guidance for schools in Scotland | EHRC \(equalityhumanrights.com\)](https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/technical-legal-guidance/technical-guidance-schools-scotland)

Please also see the schools' Anti-Bullying Policy.

Development of Pupils' Spiritual, Moral, Cultural and Social Values

The school is committed to supporting the development of its pupils as whole people and as a result, wishes to encourage their development in spiritual, moral, social, and cultural terms.

These key human aspects of learning are supported through the following arrangements by:-

- Creating a school ethos which, in every way possible, gives value to these aspects of development, especially by providing an overall atmosphere that is both caring and challenging and which provides opportunities for the development of personal responsibility.
- Promoting social and moral learning through the way in which disciplinary issues are handled.
- Ensuring that staff and adults within the school provide positive models for pupils.
- Arranging regular gatherings of the school as a community and using such occasions to encourage and reinforce the values on which the school is based.
- Enriching the curriculum in all appropriate areas with an emphasis on spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Providing opportunities within the curriculum to advance personal and social development.
- Providing a programme of religious education in which consideration will be given to responses to basic questions relating to the meaning, value and purpose of human life.
- Providing a programme of moral education.
- Taking every appropriate opportunity to acknowledge, value and appreciate the various cultures and heritage of the pupils and to encourage them to appreciate and value the cultures and heritage of others.

Child Poverty

The impact of poverty can have a significant effect on children's achievement and attainment.

The Cost of the School Day is a national policy to help raise awareness of the financial barriers families with low income can face and how that can negatively impact on children and young people, especially with regards to their mental health and wellbeing.

In school, supports are in place to ensure barriers to accessing learning are removed and equitable access is in place for all, regardless of their family or carer's financial background.

If you have specific concerns, please contact the school to discuss as there are ways in which support can be provided.

For example:

School uniform recycle



Assistance with trips/outings

Festivals and fundraising events

The Promise

East Dunbartonshire Council is committed to keeping The Promise and supporting our care experienced learners. The findings of The Independent Care Review (The Promise 2020) and documents produced by The Promise Scotland, including Plan 21-24, Change Programme 1, and Plan 24-30 including individual service briefings, have helped to inform the current plan and can be viewed here <https://thepromise.scot> It is crucial that, in order for The Promise to be kept, the calls to action as outlined within The Promise underpin all existing and future plans of support for children, young people and families within East Dunbartonshire.

UNCRC

East Dunbartonshire Council is committed to developing rights-based approaches in all education establishments. A rights-based approach ensures the articles of the convention underpin the ethos of the organisation and all policy and practice is developed under consideration of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

Implementation of the UNCRC July 2024, ensures children and young people's rights are integral to every aspect of decision making, policy and practice in our schools and early years centres. Our pupil forum [My Voice My Choice](#) has members from all schools ranging from P6 to S4 year groups. Rights Respecting School Awards are undertaken by all our schools, which encompasses the entire school community.

We aim to:

- Ensure all schools and early years centres have clear guidance on children's rights; what they are and how they will be embedded in the life of the school/centre
- Support establishments working with children and young people to develop a positive and inclusive ethos and culture
- Ensure provision of information, training, advice and support to those working with children and young people as well as their parents or carers
- Provide leadership and ensure accountability through systematic monitoring and review of data
- Support effective partnership working across agencies to further the rights and wellbeing of children and young people

Promoting Positive Relationships, Behaviour and Learning in Education

In East Dunbartonshire's schools, the development of relationships and skilled support for children and young people to manage their behaviour is essential. The whole school community



endeavours to create a caring, nurturing, optimum learning environment, which promotes creativity, whereby everyone feels empowered, supported, and loved.

This is a clear framework which can be used and adapted to support Relationships Policies in all schools and educational establishments.

East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) is committed to providing a culture in the school community where all stakeholders including children, staff and parents feel included, respected, safe and secure and where their achievements and contributions are valued and celebrated. Positive relationships should be encouraged and present throughout the whole school community where children and young people are involved meaningfully in decisions which affect them.

We aim to:

- Develop a shared vocabulary to reflect the language of inclusion.
- Develop the curriculum within an optimum learning environment which promotes creativity and flexibility to meet the needs of all. (Learning and Teaching Policy at school level and CIRCLE)
- Co-create and develop a culture and individualised approach to dysregulation, co-regulation, and self-regulation where everyone feels safe, respected, and listened to.
- Develop a school ethos, culture, expectation, and understanding of consequences that should be relevant and appropriate for the learner. This would include aspects of their behaviour and those impacted (positively or negatively) which will be created and consulted on by all stakeholders.
- To provide professional learning and development opportunities to the whole school community to build trusting relationships which support respect, confidence, and safety in our educational settings.

In Killermont Primary we believe that it is fundamentally important to promote a positive and caring environment, in which our pupils will develop to the maximum their self-esteem and sense of worth and have respect and consideration for others. The school takes a positive approach to encouraging everyone to Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe at all times and uses Restorative Practice to support conflict resolution should it arise.

Anti-Bullying Procedures

Killermont Primary promotes positive behaviour and operates a strict anti-bullying policy. Any incidents are thoroughly investigated, recorded and resolved by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. A copy of our anti-bullying policy is available on the school website.

SCHOOL SECURITY

All visitors calling at the school at any point in time must report to the office where they will be asked to sign the visitor's book.

Anti-Weapon/ Knife Crime in Schools Guidance was produced in 2017 to provide guidance to schools and their communities and to support staff in managing pupils in possession of offensive



weapons, or those suspected of possession. This guidance can be found on East Dunbartonshire Council's website.

SUPERVISION IN PLAYGROUNDS

An adult presence is provided in playgrounds at break times in terms of the Schools (Safety and Supervision of Pupils) (Scotland) Regulations, 1990. Normally, this responsibility is shared between the School Management Team, Classroom Assistants and the Building Manager.



Curriculum

Curriculum for Excellence

The values, purposes and principles of the 3-18 curriculum in Scotland are set out in A Curriculum for Excellence. The curriculum aims to support children and young people to maximise their potential across four capacities to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

Curriculum for Excellence develops skills for learning, life and work, bringing real life into the classroom, making learning relevant and helping young people apply lessons to their life beyond the classroom. It links knowledge in one subject area to another, helping children to make connections in their learning. It develops skills which can enable children to think for themselves, make sound judgements, challenge, enquire and find solutions.

Curriculum for Excellence balances the importance of knowledge and skills. Every child is entitled to a broad and deep general education, whatever their level and ability. All teachers are responsible for the development of literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.

In line with Education Scotland, our school is committed to providing high-quality learning experiences through Scotland's Curriculum Improvement Cycle. This national approach supports continuous improvement by ensuring that the curriculum remains relevant, inclusive and responsive to the needs of children and young people in a changing world. It enables schools to review evidence, reflect on practice, implement improvements and evaluate their impact, ensuring that learning continues to meet the aspirations of Curriculum for Excellence.

Through this process, we ensure our curriculum continues to develop the four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence, promotes equity and inclusion, reflects the principles of Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and supports every learner to achieve their full potential. Curriculum improvement is closely aligned with our School Improvement Plan and our self-evaluation using *How Good Is Our School? (4th Edition)*, ensuring that our learners are equipped **with the knowledge, skills, attributes and values they need for learning, life and work.**



There is an entitlement to personal support to help young people fulfil their potential and make the most of their opportunities with additional support wherever that's needed. There will be a new emphasis by all staff on looking after our children's health and wellbeing – to ensure that the school is a place where children feel safe and secure.

Ultimately, Curriculum for Excellence aims to improve our children's life chances, to nurture **successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors, and responsible citizens**, building on Scotland's reputation for great education.



The curriculum of the school is planned giving breadth, depth and coherence which will encourage progression in all elements of learning. It seeks to provide relevance to the world the children live in and provide opportunities to give personalisation and choice to our learners fostering independent learning.

It affords equality of opportunity to all children at school and seeks to provide challenge and enjoyment through all learning activities offered.

Teachers promote active learning opportunities across the school and develop effective interdisciplinary learning by making connections across and between subject boundaries.

The eight curricular areas are developed as follows:-

1. Health & Wellbeing

We recognise that good health and wellbeing is central to effective learning and preparation for successful independent learning. Our main goal is to provide a positive ethos and encourage participation in activities which promote a healthy lifestyle. We work hard to develop anti-bullying and anti-discriminatory approaches and ensure all children get the best individual support and pastoral care we can provide.

A programme to support all areas of health and wellbeing has been developed. Parents will be notified before sensitive aspects of learning eg. Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood are started each year.

2. Languages and Literacy

Literacy is fundamental to all areas of learning, as it unlocks access to the wider curriculum. Being literate increases opportunities in all aspects of life, lays the foundations for lifelong learning and work and is given a very strong focus in the school.

Reading:

A progressive phonics programme is used at the early stages to give pupils a solid foundation upon which to build reading skills.

A variety of language and reading development materials are used to support the children to develop a wide range of tools for reading.

Writing:

In Primary 1 children build on their emergent writing and drawing skills that they have brought to school. As their writing develops they start to explore letter shapes and words and gradually build to sentences. Lots of opportunities to write are provided across the curriculum.

Spelling is taught regularly using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method. The importance of neat, legible handwriting is promoted throughout the school

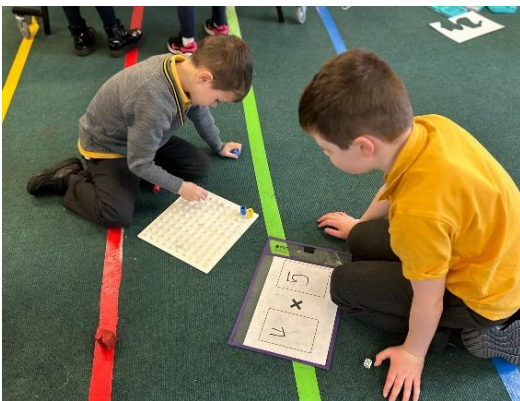
Talking & Listening :

Opportunities for developing Talking and Listening skills permeate the curriculum. We aim to develop children's skills using a variety of resources including digital.

A structured programme is followed by all pupils in line with the Scottish Governments 1 + 2 approach to Modern Languages. The approach encourages spoken language and includes a number of activities, songs and games designed to foster confidence in spoken language with learning being part of everyday life in the classroom. French is taught from Primary 1 and in addition Spanish is introduced from Primary 5.

3. Mathematics and Numeracy

We develop skills in the following areas:



- Number, money and measure
- Shape, position and movement
- Information handling

A differentiated programme of study develops the concepts and language of mathematics. There is strong emphasis placed on mental and practical maths and problem solving activities.





4. 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 how it has been shaped.

The framework includes:

- people, past events and societies
- people, place and environment
- people, in society, economy and business

The Curriculum is delivered through a blend of topic studies featuring learning outdoors, field trips, visits and input by external contributors.



5. Sciences

Through learning in the sciences the children will engage in a wide range of collaborative and investigate tasks which allow them to develop the important skills to become creative and inventive.

The key concepts covered are:

- Planet Earth
- Forces, electricity and waves
- Biological systems
- Materials
- Topical science

Through carrying out practical scientific investigations, pupils will learn to:

- ask questions and hypothesise;
- plan and design experiments;
- select equipment and resources;
- observe, collect, measure and record evidence;
- make predictions, generalisations and deductions;
- draw conclusions based on reliable scientific evidence;
- present and report findings.

Links between the sciences and other curricular areas will be planned to provide relevant, challenging and enjoyable learning experiences and stimulating contexts to meet the varied needs of our pupils.

6. Technologies



This provides scope for developing technological skills, knowledge, understanding and attributes through creative, practical and work-related activities.

The use of computers and iPads is integrated into all areas of the curriculum and all pupils are given the opportunity to experience their use and develop their skills. The school has wi-fi throughout and each child uses GLOW the Scottish Schools Intranet to access a wide ranging digital platform.



7. Expressive Arts

Children are encouraged and provided with opportunities to develop the skills necessary to express themselves in art & design, dance, drama and music.

Instructors in violin, cello and woodwind visit the school regularly.



8. Religious and Moral Education

The religious and moral education programme reflects current guidelines in Scottish education. Children learn about Christianity, Islam and Hinduism to reflect the demographic at Killermonst PS. Other religions, such as Hinduism may be explored if relevant to particular learning contexts. Pupils are encouraged to develop their own beliefs and values as they reflect and learn *about* religion as well as learning *from* religion.

Weekly assemblies are designed to provide opportunities for religious observance and in addition, address a variety of topics for personal and social education and other curricular areas. Christian services are conducted by the school chaplain, Rev Alan Hamilton, assisted by various groups of children, at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and at a leavers' service in June. Our rolling programme allows for Religious Observance focus to balance learning in class.

Parents who wish to exercise their right to withdraw their child from religious instructions and/or observance should contact the Head Teacher, in writing, and alternative arrangements will be made for your child.

The school will provide several opportunities for religious observance in a school year, in addition to traditional celebrations central to the life of the school community. Policies have regard to national advice set out in SOEID Circular 6/91, Scottish Government Schools Directorate Circular 1/2005, the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and the Standards in Scotland's Schools Etc. Act 2000.

Parents from minority and minority ethnic religious communities may request that their children be permitted to be absent from school in order to celebrate recognised religious events. Only written requests detailing the proposed arrangements will be considered. Appropriate requests will be granted on not more than three occasions in any one session and the pupil noted as an authorised absentee in the register.

For further information refer to additional Guidance on the implementation of Religious Observance / Time for Reflection in East Dunbartonshire schools, 2015.

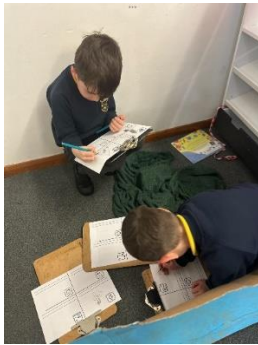
Please contact the Head Teacher if you would like any further information about the curriculum within our school.

Homework

Homework tasks are set to reflect ongoing class work based around the curriculum, at least two areas of the curriculum will be set for homework. Homework takes many forms focusing on the development and application of skills, as well as practice. Homework can be differentiated to reflect the work of a child's particular group or ability. Differentiation of tasks ensures that children work at a level best suited to them and at the most appropriate pace. Individuals may also have specific homework set to best suit their needs.

Homework enables parents and others to participate in their child's learning, providing a link between home and school. Homework is a voluntary task and cannot be compulsory. We recognise that some parents do not wish their children to have homework. If any parent wishes to withdraw their children from homework activities, they should inform their child's teacher in writing.

A copy of the Homework Policy can be found on the Killermont website.



Extra Curricular Activities

A wide range of extra curricular activities are available throughout the year. Individual classes organise topic related trips during the school day and P7 pupils are offered a week's residential visit to an outdoor centre. There are also extra curricular clubs that are held during the lunch break or after school at certain times of the year. Parents are informed, in advance and in writing, of the full details of any trips or extra curricular activities. Consent/medical forms are issued along with this information. Parents are encouraged to contact the school with any queries well before any excursion **occurs** and to attend any parents' meeting regarding the residential trip. We are grateful to the staff and parents who volunteer their time and expertise to supervise these activities.

After school activities offered include:

Netball
Choir

Football
Chess

Arts & Crafts
Scripture Union

Volunteers and ideas for extra curricular activities are always welcome.



Assessment and Reporting

Teachers use a range of assessment strategies to gather evidence of pupils attainment, this ensures pupils are provided with appropriate programmes of learning.

Assessment folders are compiled throughout the year with samples of children's work to record stages of development reached.

In addition pupils will be assessed using a variety of assessments for literacy and numeracy, depending on their stage. The results from these are discussed with you at parent's nights and information included in end of year reports. Pupils at P1, P4 and P7 undertake Scottish Standardised National Assessments covering some aspects of reading, writing and numeracy.

All of the above information allows us to track progress and standards of attainment over time.

The school offers high-quality universal and targeted support to enable all children to achieve success. A Pupil Support Group (PSG) provides a forum for discussion relating to specific children's learning and development needs.

The co-ordinators of the group are Shona Mathieson DHT and Elaine Graham DHT. The group includes staff drawn from school support services e.g. Education Support Team, link Educational Psychologist and where possible multi-agency partners e.g. School Nurse, Speech and Language Therapist.

Parents are involved in the referral process to the PSG and may attend the meeting.

Parents are informed of their child's progress by the following methods:

1. An appointment system is established whereby parents discuss their child's progress with the class teacher in November and March;
2. Pupil reports are sent home in June each year;
3. Seesaw is used to send photographs celebrating pupil attainment & achievement on a regular basis.

Parents who are concerned about any matter pertaining to their child's work or progress should not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher, Depute or Head Teacher.





Liaising with and Involving Parents in their Child's Education

The Education Service is keen to ensure that it involves all parents appropriately and sensitively in their child's education. Under Education Law, "parents" include:

- Non-resident parents who are liable to maintain or have parental responsibilities in respect of a child;
- Carers who can be parents;
- Foster carers, relatives and friends who are caring for children under supervision arrangements;
- Close relatives, such as siblings or grandparents caring for children who are not "looked after and accommodated" by the local authority or are under home supervision (looked after) arrangements.

Everyone who is a "parent" (under Education Law) has the right to receive advice and information about their child's education and take part in activities.

The Education Service will treat all parents equally. The exception to this is where there is a court order limiting an individual's exercise of parental rights and responsibilities.

Schools collect information about a child's family circumstances on an annual basis. Where family circumstances change during a school session, it is important that parents inform their child's school of these changes.

Further information about how the Education Service seeks to work with parents is available in the publication *Schools, "Parents" and "Parental Responsibility": A briefing paper for schools and education support services under the management of East Dunbartonshire Council* (2007).

This publication is available from schools or the Chief Education Officer who can be contacted at:

East Dunbartonshire Council
Southbank House
Strathkelvin Place
Kirkintilloch
G66 1XQ

Tel: 0300 123 4510

Email greg.bremner@eastdunbarton.gov.uk



Transitions and Enrolments

Early Learning and Childcare

East Dunbartonshire Council is committed to the provision of high-quality early learning and childcare experiences for children. We aim to provide places that meet the needs and demands of both children and families, offering accessible, flexible and affordable provision where possible. The [Early Years Admissions Policy](#) sets out the options available to parents, including location of early learning and childcare providers, the available hours, and the way that places are prioritised and allocated.

It is important to note that there is no automatic entitlement for a place in any East Dunbartonshire primary school following a funded place at any early learning and childcare provider / early years centre.

Early learning and childcare provisions are non-denominational. This means that all early years centres are open to children and parents of all religions and beliefs. Placement in the early years centre does not guarantee a place in the primary school.

Our early years centres provide places for children aged 3-5 and eligible 2-year-olds who meet qualifying criteria. Full details on delivery models within Local Authority Early Years Centres can be found on the [East Dunbartonshire Council website](#)

Funded places are available in local authority early years centres or with a Funded Provider. Funded Providers, include early learning and childcare providers in the private, voluntary, and independent sector, as well as childminders who are part of East Dunbartonshire Councils early years partnership framework to provide funded early learning and childcare.

The [East Dunbartonshire Council website](#) sets out clear information to guide the online application process for all funded early years places. Applications for 3- and 4-year-old places normally open on the first week of January and close on the last day of February each year. Applying before the closing date will give you the best chance to get the early years centre and pattern that you have requested, however, this is not guaranteed and all places are allocated as per the [Early Years Admissions Policy](#). Parents must upload a copy of their child's birth certificate, their council tax notice as proof of residency and a recent utility bill (gas, electric, broadband or TV licence) at the application stage.

Some two-year-olds are also eligible to access funded early learning and childcare, where their household meets Scottish Government criteria. The criteria can be found under the FAQ's section on the East Dunbartonshire Council Early Years webpage. Applications for a funded two-year-old place can be made at any time. When applying, parents are required to upload a recent confirmation of qualifying eligibility, a copy of their child's birth certificate, their council tax notice as proof of residency and a recent utility bill (gas, electric, broadband or TV licence). Eligible two-year-olds can start from the term after their second birthday, as per the Early Years Admissions Policy. Parents must also complete an application for their child's 3- and 4-year-old place.



East Dunbartonshire Council has some availability for parents to purchase childcare for children aged 3 months to two years, and for two year olds; [online applications can be found on the website.](#)

Parents and carers have the legal right to defer their child's entry to primary school if their child's fifth birthday falls between the first day of the school term in August and the last day of the following February.

A change in Scottish Government legislation from August 2023 means that all children are automatically entitled to 1140 hours of funded early learning and childcare for their child's deferred entry year. [Applications for deferred entry and FAQ's can be found on the East Dunbartonshire Council website.](#)

It is important to note that parents/carers who are applying for deferred entry for their child must also [register their child for Primary 1](#). The [Early Years Admissions Policy](#) provides the framework for allocation of early years places in local authority early years centres in East Dunbartonshire.

Please note: Children who have their fifth birthday between 1st March and the first day of term in August must start school. Exceptions are only made in extraordinary circumstances, and where it would be considered in the best interests of the child to further delay their school commencement date. This would normally only apply to children with significant additional support needs.

Transfer from early learning and childcare to primary

Registration and enrolment

Information on new school entrants can be found on the council's website, [Primary, Secondary, and Early Years Education - East Dunbartonshire Council](#). Enrolment is in November each year. Pupils should be registered in only one school for their catchment area. Information about the school, can be found on the school website. Parents who want to send their child to a school other than the catchment school must make a placing request. Parents of pupils who have moved into the catchment area or, who wish their child to transfer to the school should contact sharedservices.education@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Before leaving an early years centre, a transfer of information record for each child will be prepared by early years practitioners to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of care and education for the child transferring to primary.

Primary School Admissions

When commencing Primary 1 education, your child will normally attend the local denominational or non-denominational Primary school (regardless of religion) and transfer from it, after Primary 7, to its associated Secondary school. Details of the catchment areas and boundaries can be checked using the following webpage [School catchment areas - East Dunbartonshire Council](#) If parents have any



queries on catchment areas they can email sharedservices.education@eastdunbarton.gov.uk for assistance.

Enrolment dates will be set by the Education Service and the enrolment should be completed in November prior to the start of term in August. The authority will provide information on enrolments on the website, in the local press and early years centres advertising the date(s) for registration. Parents are asked to provide the relevant birth certificate(s) and proof of residency when enrolling their child(ren).

You are still required to enrol your child(ren) at your catchment school even if you do not wish him/her to attend that school.

You are still required to enrol your child(ren) at your catchment school even if you are also applying to defer their entry and take up an additional year of early learning and childcare.

Enrolment dates will be available through the East Dunbartonshire Council website at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk.

Children eligible for enrolment are those whose 5th birthday falls between 1st March and the end of February the following year.

Secondary School Admissions

Transfer Information will be issued to Primary 7 parents in November each year. The registration application must be completed for all P7 catchment children in order for them to be included in the secondary school numbers for August. The registration form can be found on the East Dunbartonshire Council website at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk.

If you wish your child to attend a secondary school other than the catchment denominational or non-denominational secondary school for your home address, you will be required to make a Placing Request as detailed in the Placing Request section below.

You do not need to submit a Placing Request if you want your child to transfer from a non-denominational secondary school or vice-versa at the primary to secondary transfer stage, as long as the intended secondary school is still the catchment school for your home address. Parents of children who are planning to change from denominational to non-denominational or vice-versa between primary and secondary school should ensure that both the primary school and the intended secondary school know what is to happen.

Visits to secondary schools are organised before the summer holidays and children from other catchment schools who will be attending the same secondary school will have the opportunity to meet and get to know each other and their teachers. There are also opportunities for parents to visit the secondary school and hear from the Secondary School staff.

The liaison for children with additional support needs will start in Primary 6 to ensure a successful transition. Enhanced transition is offered for all children in consultation with parents.



The secondary school to which the children from this school normally transfer is:

Boclair Academy

Inveroran Drive

Bearsden

G61 2PL

Tel: 0141 955 235

Placing Requests

As a parent, you have the right to make a Placing Request for your child(ren) to be educated in a school other than the catchment school. Applications for Primary and Secondary Placing Requests to commence school in August will be considered following the application process detailed on the Placing Request section of the East Dunbartonshire Council website [School placing requests - East Dunbartonshire Council](#).

Every effort will be made to try to meet parental wishes, but you should note that it is not always possible to grant every Placing Request to a particular school. You should also note that a successful Placing Request for one child does not guarantee a successful one for another child. It may be, therefore, that a parent could end up with children at different schools.

Primary 1 children must also be enrolled at their catchment school using the registration process detailed on the East Dunbartonshire Council website whilst awaiting the outcome of their Placing Request Application. If the Placing Request is granted, the child's enrolment at the catchment school will automatically be withdrawn by the Education Service.

Placing Requests can only be approved when there are sufficient places remaining in the class after all catchment area children have enrolled and if staffing and accommodation at the school are able to meet the numbers of Placing Requests at that school. The Education Service can also reserve places in a class for future catchment pupils they expect to move into the area in the following school year.

If more Placing Requests are made for admission to a particular school than places available, these Requests will be prioritised according to East Dunbartonshire Council's Admissions Policy and requests will be accepted and refused accordingly.

Your Placing Request will be considered against a set of criteria which is set out in the Council's priorities for admission. Further information is available on the East Dunbartonshire Council website.

Any Placing Requests received after the 15th March for Primary and Secondary will not be considered in the first round of Placing Requests. Parents / Carers will be notified of the outcome of their request within 2 months of receipt your Placing Request.

As soon as a decision has been made, you will be notified of the result. If your Placing Request is successful, you will be asked to contact the school to establish arrangements for enrolment.

Parents should note that in cases where your child is currently in attendance at a primary school as a result of a successful placing request, there will be the need for a further request to be made to transfer to the secondary school associated with the primary school. Parents should, however, be aware there is no guarantee that any such request will be successful and therefore contact should be made with your local secondary school to inform them of your intention to request a place in a school of your choice. Parents are requested to contact the education office to clarify this position if they are unsure.



Mid Session Transfers

You may make a Placing Request at any time during a school session. If your child is experiencing problems at school, you are advised to discuss the matter with the Head Teacher prior to making a Placing Request. Completing the application form does not guarantee a place for your child at your chosen school. Your Placing Request will only be granted if there are surplus places available at the school.

Transport for Placing Requests

If a Placing Request is successful, parents will be responsible for the safety and transportation costs of their child to and from their chosen school.



Support for Pupils

In East Dunbartonshire Council we have our Including Every Learner Policies – *Promoting positive relationships and managing behaviour that challenges* and *Policy and provision for children and young people with additional support needs*. These documents offer guidance and policy on ensuring the needs of all learners in our schools and early years centres are met.



Guiding Principles

Presumption of mainstream includes a structure of universal and targeted support. This offers flexible access to both specialist support and mainstream schooling according to individual needs through a continuum of additional support needs provision.

Local, integrated and streamlined processes of assessment and decision making in full collaboration with learners and their families.

Increasing the capacity of staff to meet the needs of a broad range of learners at all levels of the continuum of support through Career Long Professional Learning (CLPL).

Equity of access to Curriculum for Excellence through adaptations to the curriculum and learning environment to better meet the needs of all.

Universal and Targeted Levels of Support

Universal and targeted planning for children and young people should be proactive and solution focussed. A whole school and classroom ethos and culture should include strategies that support all children.

Provision across all establishments focuses on developing and supporting the whole child and this includes having: safe and nurturing environments; strong relationships; an ethos of inclusion; emphasis on care and welfare; breadth of experience; and partnership working.

The curriculum within all early year's centres, primary and secondary schools is focused on providing a meaningful, engaging and challenging experience for all learners. The curriculum in all sectors is based on the underlying principles of Curriculum for Excellence, which sets out an entitlement to access:



- A coherent curriculum from 3 to 18;
- A broad general education to the end of S3;
- A senior phase including qualifications;
- Opportunities for skills for life, learning and work with a focus on literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing;
- Personal support to enable learners to gain as much as possible from the opportunities of Curriculum for Excellence; and
- Support in moving to a positive and sustained destination beyond school.

Additional resources provided within the mainstream context offer a high level of support for learners with additional support needs. This ensures appropriate learning pathways are mapped out addressing the entitlements of Curriculum for Excellence and linked to the agenda for Developing the Young Workforce. Education for learners



can be provided as a blend of activity through access to mainstream classes or day-to-day activities that the school community is engaged in such as assemblies, celebrations, charity events etc. A core element of this provision focuses on literacy, numeracy, and health and wellbeing with targets being set as part of each action plan and reviewed in accordance with guidelines.

Most learners with additional support needs are educated within one of the mainstream early year's centres, primary or secondary schools. If a learner is identified as having additional support needs then a rigorous process of assessment, planning and support is put into place.

There are several resources which mainstream schools and early years centres can draw on to meet learners' needs. For example, every establishment has a Circle Adviser who is an established member of the teaching staff who is provided with training and ongoing support from a multi-agency team - led by educational psychology and a member of the ASN team. While every establishment will use their Circle Adviser differently, it is expected that they will provide support for learners with additional support needs in the areas of language and social communication. The role of the Circle Adviser may include: sharing training materials with staff, facilitating training, supporting communication to parents/carers; and supporting individual staff members using existing school/early years centres structures (e.g. Pupil Support Group/Support for All Group).

The Council aim is for all school staff to be nurture informed, and for all teachers and support for learning assistants to be nurture skilled. In addition, education staff who provide targeted support or intervention for learners will be trained to enhanced level in nurture.

Consideration is given to assessment of a child's wellbeing, and any barriers to learning, including social and communication issues. Identification of a child's barriers to learning supports the planning process for the child including simple adaptations or changes to the learning context. For example, a child may be offered access to small group work, a sensory area to support specific learning needs, or language and communication friendly approaches can be incorporated into the environment.

Every secondary school has a suite of resources including a Guidance staff team, an ASN Hub, Wellbeing Support Resource and Support for Learning Department to support learners and meet their wellbeing needs.

Some learners may need additional support to that provided at universal level, and Early Years Centre staff may conduct a more detailed wellbeing assessment with a focus on all wellbeing indicators (Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included). This level is termed targeted support – in this case, staff develop an Action Plan which contains succinct, individualised and time limited targets that specify work to be done both by Early Years Centre staff and any other supports from professionals within the education department, such as the educational psychologist or outreach teacher. Some learners require further support from agencies out-with education, such as Speech and Language Therapists or assessment by a Community Paediatrician. The identified agencies may agree to provide specific assessment reports and support for a period of time, and this would be set out in an action plan.

School Counselling

Lifelink is the School Counselling provider for East Dunbartonshire Council. Having delivered counselling and groupwork services since 2022, Lifelink will continue with a similar suite of services from 1st August 2026 for two years, with the option of a further two-year extension thereafter. Services include universal 1:1 school-based counselling, groupwork and Holiday Support for pupils from 10 years of age. Schools have designated therapists assigned within a cluster-based model.



Specialist Support Service – teachers teaching in more than one school

The Additional Support for Learning Team makes provision for children and young people who have a range of additional support needs. The service comprises of teachers who work in the pre-5, special, primary and secondary sectors. Staff in the team work in partnership with staff in the establishments to plan and deliver an appropriate curriculum. The service also provides staff development and advice on resources.

The teams support the additional needs of:

- children with a significant hearing and or visual impairment;
- bilingual learners who are at early stages of learning spoken English;
- looked after and accommodated children and young people who are experiencing difficulties in school;
- children who have language and communication difficulties
- children who have social, emotional or behaviour needs
- children at early stages of primary school who have a developmental coordination disorder along with attention difficulties;
- young people who attend special provision units; and
- pre-5 children who have been identified as having significant support needs.

Targeted Intervention Tier 2 provision

Education staff have an excellent understanding of their learners, any barriers to learning and how to support them. They provide individual educational programmes designed to meet their specific needs and are continually looking at ways to develop practice to improve outcomes. This cycle of planning, review and evaluation is likely to include strong partnership working with a range of more specialised services which can provide advice and targeted support as necessary.

Some learners benefit from a timetable that offers a combination of access to specialist support and mainstream. This type of support is offered from primary to secondary stages. The balance of mainstream to specialist support is based entirely on the assessment of the profile of learning needs.

East Dunbartonshire Council has a continuum of support for learners requiring targeted support, these are reviewed and planned for each individual alongside professionals, parents/carers and the child/young person themselves – TAC (Team Around the Child).

Learners who may require to additional resources could be experiencing:

- specific language difficulties (expressive or receptive)
- difficulties in the area of social communication
- significant difficulties with focus and attention
- significant learning needs
- self-regulation and self-care needs

For some learners, additional support is required from other specialist resources which offer outreach support. Requests for outreach to support the child within their mainstream school are made to the Locality Liaison Groups (LLGs). There are two LLGs - one for the localities of Bearsden, Milngavie and Bishopbriggs and another for the localities of Lenzie and Kirkintilloch. The purpose of the LLG is to allocate outreach services to support current placements in mainstream.

Outreach support involves a specialist teacher becoming involved with a learner for a time-limited period. The process of outreach generally involves observation of the learner within the education setting and



consultation with the learner, parents/carers and professionals involved. Outcomes of this process include the identification of changes to the learning environment and learning and teaching approaches which will enhance the learner's ability to access the curriculum. The underlying approach is that the outreach service should support establishments in developing their capacity to meet learner needs. This should be effective and sustainable in supporting inclusion in mainstream provision.

Targeted Intervention Tier 3 provision

Learners who have support needs that require a higher level of support in provision that offers a much higher ratio of staff to learners and highly specialised teaching approaches. This is termed targeted intervention and is offered in Tier 3 establishments. Learners who attend primary and secondary school (Tier 2 or 3) placement are referred to the GIRFEC Liaison Group (GLG).

The GLG is the decision-making forum for all specialist placements.

East Dunbartonshire Council's policies, procedures and practices relating to children and young people with additional support needs are in line with the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 which place duties on education authorities and provide rights for parents of children with additional support needs and young people with additional support needs.

The Education (Additional Support for Learning) Act 2004/2009 places duties on local authorities to provide access to independent mediation for resolving disputes with parents and carers of children and young people with additional support needs when or if they arise. East Dunbartonshire Council uses Resolve Scotland. For further information go to www.resolvemediation.org.uk

Advocacy

Parents/carers and eligible children/young persons also have the right to have a supporter or an advocate to present their case at any meeting with the school or Education Authority, in relation to the exercise of the Education Authority's functions under the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004.

My Rights My Say

Enquire: www.enquire.org.uk 0845 123 2303

Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance, www.siaa.org.uk, 0131 510 9410

Take Note: National Advocacy Service for Additional Support Needs (Barnardo's in association with the Scottish Child Law Centre) www.scllc.org.uk, 0131 667 6633.

Supporting Families Service

The core purpose of this service is to provide support to families in developing their skills and confidence in their parenting and to provide services to children to enhance their development and learning. Examples of the services available include group parenting workshops, bespoke 1 to 1 support and advice. Services also include a holiday play scheme for children and young people with additional support needs as well as our Snack and Play holiday programmes for children who meet certain criteria. If you wish to find out more about any of the services please contact the team by emailing: parenting@eastdunbarton.gov.uk. A member of the team will be in touch. Further information can be found on website [Parent and family learning - East Dunbartonshire Council](#)



Protecting Children and Young People

2026 National Guidance and the East Dunbartonshire Child Protection Procedures (PM 3/21) adopted a strengths-based approach incorporating children's views and ensuring effective collaboration with families.

The guidance embeds the UNCRC, the Promise and principles of GIRFEC as part of the continuum of preventative and protective support.

"Abuse and neglect are forms of maltreatment. Abuse or neglect may involve inflicting harm or failing to act to prevent harm. Children may be maltreated at home; within a family or peer network; in care placements; institutions or community settings; and in the online and digital environment. Those responsible may be previously unknown or familiar, or in positions of trust. They may be family members. Children may be harmed pre-birth, for instance by domestic abuse of a mother or through parental alcohol and drug use".

(National Child Protection Guidance, 2021, p.12)

Within East Dunbartonshire, all adults have a shared responsibility to keep children and young people safe and as far as possible, protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Children need support to keep themselves safe. Adults and professionals must work together with families and carers to enable children and young people to grow up in a safe and secure environment.

The Child Protection officer in school will be either the head teacher or depute head teacher and there are clear processes in place to enable practitioners, or others to report any aspect of suspected abuse or maltreatment.

Education staff are required to assist in the protection of children by:

- Creating and maintaining a positive and caring ethos
- Developing health and personal safety programmes
- Being observant of children's needs, views, and concerns
- Reporting and recording concerns about the welfare or safety of children
- Monitoring and supporting children in co-operation with relevant professionals, parents and carers.

Education staff cannot keep secret any allegations or concerns about child abuse, even if a child or adult request this. Information or concerns that a child may be at risk of harm must be passed on to protect the child or young person. Staff will always treat the matter sensitively, and with dignity and information will only be passed to those who need to know to protect and support the child or young person.

If parents or others have concerns for any child, they can speak to the Head Teacher/Child Protection Officer about this. They can also contact social work services and/or the police.

When a member of staff, a child or another individual provides information and the Head Teacher considers that there is a possibility that a child has been harmed or is at risk of harm, the Head Teacher is required to immediately contact social work services to discuss the circumstances and agree the immediate action to be taken. School staff are then required to co-operate with any subsequent enquiries or support plans.



Every education establishment or service has copies of the East Dunbartonshire Council Child Protection Procedures and Guidance. These are available for reference from the Head Teacher.

Promoting Wellbeing, Protecting and Safeguarding

The Scottish Government introduced Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) as a programme of change, reaching across all children and adult services in the public and voluntary sectors in Scotland, to achieve better futures for all of our children, young people and their families. It builds from universal health and education services and drives the developments that will improve outcomes for all children and young people.

We want all our children and young people to be fully supported as they grow and develop into successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens. We believe they should be: Safe, Healthy, Active, Nurtured, Achieving, Respected, Responsible and Included. These are the eight indicators of wellbeing.

The Getting It Right approach is about how practitioners across all services for children and adults meet the needs of children and young people, working together where necessary to ensure they reach their full potential. This approach, based on the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child, is:

- Child focused, ensuring that the child and family are at the heart of decisions and supports;
- Based on a holistic understanding of wellbeing;
- Early interventionist to tackle needs as soon as they appear; and
- Joined up, to ensure services work together.

It is the entitlement of every child to be supported throughout their education. The EDC Including Every Learner Policy provides a continuum of support from universal to targeted and ensures practice is underpinned by a shared understanding of wellbeing and in the dignity and worth of every individual child/young person. This is in line with GIRFEC National Practice Model.

Teachers plan experiences and assess progress in learning, and for most children this is sufficient. From time to time, however, approximately one fifth of learners may experience developmental or environmental difficulties which impact on their ability to learn. For most, modifications can minimise the impact of such difficulties and learning can proceed. These modifications are described as differentiation and in most cases teachers will differentiate as part of normal teaching and learning, without the need for intervention from promoted staff.

Within East Dunbartonshire schools, teachers employ the following model to provide a clear, structured pathway for learners.

- Modifying Content – use of learning materials at different levels
- Modifying Process – varying the length of time children take to complete a task
- Modifying Product – giving children choice in how to express ideas or required learning
- Modifying Learning Environment – giving children areas to work which suit their learning styles

Staff record differentiated approaches in their short and long term plans and ensure that the results of differentiation are clearly documented within evaluations of teaching and learning.

Where intended progress does not take place, the child/young person's needs are considered following a model of staged intervention.



When a wellbeing concern has been brought to their attention, the pupil support coordinator will consider the following questions in relation to the eight wellbeing indicators:

- What is getting in the way of this child or young person's wellbeing?
- Do I have all the information I need to help this child or young person?
- What can I do now to help this child or young person?
- What can my agency do to help this child or young person?
- What additional help, if any, may be needed from others?

All pupils who are considered for Targeted Support, access this through their Pupil Support or Support for All Group. This ensures that staff comply with duties in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and the Additional Support for Learning (Scotland) Act 2004 as amended.

All assessments to determine the need for Targeted Support fully involve the views of the child and parents.

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Child Protection and Safeguarding

Abuse and neglect are forms of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by inflicting, or by failing to act to prevent, significant harm to the child. Children may be abused in a family or in an institutional setting, by those known to them or, more rarely, by a stranger. Child protection" means protecting a child from child abuse or neglect. If a child's wellbeing is considered to be at risk, relevant information must always be shared. It is our public responsibility to protect children. Anyone who suspects child abuse or neglect should contact East Dunbartonshire Council Social Work Advice and Response on 0141 777 3000, or the Police. Each school has a designated Child Protection Coordinator, who will work with other professionals, children and where appropriate, families to safeguard children. The name of the Child Protection Coordinator should be displayed prominently within the school.

School Improvement

Raising Attainment

Monitoring performance and using the resulting information to secure improvement is an important part of the work of Head Teachers, school staff and officers within Education Services.

Standards and Quality Report

Every year each school publishes a Standards and Quality report which highlights the school's key achievements and areas of future focus for improvement. A full copy of the Standards and Quality Report can be found on the school [website](#).

The school improvement plan is the means by which we carry forward the Education Service objectives and outcomes. A full copy of our Improvement Plan can also be found on our website. Our Improvement Plan Priorities for 2025-2026 are:

- Inclusion and Additional Support Needs: The CIRCLE Framework – supporting individuals using the Participation Scale; The Promise (supporting Care Experienced pupils)
- Learning , Teaching and Assessment: Introducing the Framework for Equity and meeting needs across literacy
- Curriculum Development: STEM and Skill progression including a focus on planning for progression in numeracy



The ScotXed Programme

Education Authorities, the Scottish Government and its partners have, for many years, collected information about pupils on paper forms. The information is now transferred electronically through the ScotXed programme.

The following explanation has been provided directly by ScotXed:

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 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 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.

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.

School Policies and Practical Information

School uniform

It is the policy of the Education Committee to encourage pupils to wear an acceptable form of school dress as determined by Head Teachers, Parent Councils and parents. In encouraging the wearing of school dress, account must be taken of any proposals to prevent any direct or indirect discrimination on the grounds of race or gender. Any proposal will be the subject of widespread consultation with parents and pupils.

Parents are asked to co-operate with the school in encouraging the wearing of the school uniform.

The uniform was agreed in consultation with parents, pupils, staff and the Parent Council. It incorporates a range of popular items of dress, e.g. sweatshirts, T-shirts.

Wearing school uniform contributes to a positive school ethos and helps avoid discrimination and reduces peer pressure to wear expensive designer clothing. Clothing Grants are available for families to help with the cost of uniforms. The use of recycled uniforms is highly supported.

A school's reputation can also be enhanced in the local community by the wearing of school uniform and school security will be improved as it will be easier to identify intruders.

You will be advised of your child's PE days when they should come wearing PE clothes. The appropriate clothing for PE is shorts/joggers/plain sweatshirt or hoodie in navy or grey, a t-shirt in house colours and sport shoes – please note there is a requirement that all jewellery is removed prior to undertaking physical education activities.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled, particularly ties, sweat shirts and PE kit which are often lost. A protective apron or an old shirt should be worn for art and craft activities. Please help the school and the education authority by making sure that pupils do not bring valuable or expensive items of clothing to school.

Offensive clothing such as T-shirts or other items painted with obscene language or illustrations are not permitted. Football colours are also inappropriate as they can lead to incidents of rivalry.

Under no circumstances will pupils be deprived of any educational benefit as a result of not wearing uniform and, in particular, pupils will not be denied access to examinations as a result of not wearing school dress.

Parents are asked to assist by ensuring that valuable items and unnecessarily expensive items of clothing are not brought to school.



Some families may be may be eligible for school clothing grant and free school meals. Information on criteria and the application form for this can be found at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk under School Clothing Grants and Free School Meals.

Approval of any requests for such grants made by parents in different circumstances is at the discretion of the Chief Education Officer.

If you have any queries regarding the school's dress code, please contact the Head Teacher.



Killermont Uniform is set out below

Jacket or navy blazer with school badge

Navy/grey trousers/skirt or pinafore

Gold polo shirt / Navy sweatshirt

Navy / Grey jumper or cardigan with or without school badge

A white shirt and school tie may be worn.

Children require gym shoes to change into for indoors

P.E. Kit : Shorts/joggers/plain sweatshirt or hoodie in navy or grey, a t-shirt in house colours and sports shoes trainers

Uniform items such as jackets, sweatshirts, poloshirts, house t-shirts, etc all with the school logo can be ordered 3 ways:

- Online - visit www.kitmykid.co.uk and select Killermont Primary School (or Killermont Early Learning and Childcare Centre) from the list of schools on the left hand side. From there, you are able to see all the items which are available to order for the school. Stock availability is visible on each item. If an item is not in stock then you are able to order it even if the website states "Out of stock." There are 3 delivery methods for the uniform. You can either pay £3.95 for home delivery, select Click and collect from our shop in Kirkintilloch or can select free delivery to school. When your order has been dispatched or is ready for collection, you will receive a text message to let you know of the uniforms progress. You are able to pay online using a credit or debit card using the paypal service. You do not need a paypal account to use the paypal service.
- You can call our Kirkintilloch store on 0141 777 8528 and an assistant will be able to take your order over the phone and take a phone payment. The delivery options are the same as ordering online.
- You can visit the store in Kirkintilloch where they hold some stock from Killermont Primary and Early Learning and Childcare Centre. You are able to try on sizes and place orders in store for uniforms. The delivery options are the same as ordering online.

Please note items with the school logo are optional, items of the appropriate colour, without the school badge can be purchased from retailers.





Please ensure that ALL school clothing is CLEARLY marked with the child's name so that lost property may be easily identified and returned.

School Meals

We know that maintaining a healthy diet is linked to a happy and active lifestyle. By eating a school meal provided by East Dunbartonshire Council's School Meals Service your child is guaranteed a balanced nutritious meal to keep them healthy and alert throughout the school day.

The meals are freshly cooked on a daily basis by our skilled staff who care about food and your child's wellbeing. Our staff will help your child to make balanced choices. The meals meet the Scottish Government's nutritional regulations.

Any Special diets or allergies should be discussed with the school.

Meal prices are reviewed annually. Please contact the School to be advised of the current price.

We operate a Cashless Catering lunch system. Parents are required to set up an online account. Further information can be found here <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/> once you have received communication from your school, which includes a Child Account Reference number (for your child/ren). Good eating habits are encouraged.

Primary 1 and 2 pupils bringing packed lunches are accommodated in the Bistro, all other stages eat their packed lunches in the class bases. Please note that packed lunches should be in suitable containers and no glass bottles are allowed. Children from P3-P7 are permitted to eat packed lunches outdoors during dry weather in the summer and autumn terms.

Free School Meals

From January 2022 all P1-P5 pupils are entitled to a Free School Meal. This is universal and in line with the Scottish Government Guidelines.

Some families may also be eligible for school clothing grant and free school meals. Information on eligibility criteria and the application form for this can be found at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk under School Clothing Grants and Free School Meals.



Transport

General

It is a parents' responsibility to ensure their child arrives at school and returns home from school in a safe and responsible manner. In order to assist parents in getting their child of school age to school safely and on time, the Education Authority has a policy of providing free transport to primary pupils who live one mile or more from their catchment primary school by the recognised shortest walking route.

This policy is more generous than the law requires. This means that the provision of transport could be reviewed at any time. Parents who consider they are eligible should obtain an application form from the school or education office or www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk. These forms should be completed and returned before the end of February for those pupils beginning school in August to enable the appropriate arrangements to be made. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year but may be subject to delay whilst arrangements are made.

Chief Education Officer has discretion in special circumstances to grant permission for pupils' to travel in transport provided by the authority where spare places are available and no additional costs are incurred. This is known as concessionary travel and parents are required to submit concessionary travel applications each year in the period June – July to ensure that consideration can be given to their request for concessionary transport for August.

Parents should obtain an application form from the education office or www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk.

Pick up Points

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

Placing Request



The education authority does not provide transport for those pupils in receipt of a placing request other than in exceptional circumstances.

In the case of early entry requests, if the child is offered a place in his/her catchment area school, transport will be provided in accordance with the council policy stated above.

Space around the school for dropping off/picking up children is very limited. Parents/ carers are not allowed to use the staff car park at the start/end of the school day for this. We encourage children to walk to school whenever possible. If you live too far away consider parking in Buchanan Drive or Glendaruel Avenue and walk the remaining distance. If you must bring a car into Kinnaird Crescent please drive very slowly and carefully, and be considerate to our neighbours by not parking over driveways, and pavement users by not bumping onto pavements and blocking pedestrian access. Please always follow the Parking Charter.

Adverse Weather Conditions

Driver's Responsibilities

- In adverse weather conditions drivers **MUST** liaise with Head Teachers to ensure the safety of the children.
- In periods of snow and ice the driver must use his discretion to decide if a road is passable or not. He should endeavour to choose a route which gives the greatest number of children a reasonable chance of getting to school safely.
- At their own discretion drivers may abandon a morning journey and return all pupils already picked up to their homes and inform the relevant Head Teacher concerned. See bullet point below.*
- On homeward journeys pupils shall only be set down at their normal vehicle set down point. If there is a possibility that the vehicle will be unable to take the pupils to that point, contingency plans should be made with the Head Teacher.
- In the event that transport cannot continue due to blocked roads or any other obstruction, children will be instructed to stay in the vehicle until rescue can be organised.

Strathclyde Partnership For Transport (SPT) /East Dunbartonshire Council's Responsibilities

- SPT will contact a Senior Officer within EDC to advise of difficulties with transport.
- Senior Officer will contact Head Teacher/s.
- Head Teachers to contact parents, where possible by text message, (at peak times there may be delays due to volume across local authorities).
- * In the event of journey being abandoned, Head Teachers will advise the driver of any change to normal home address.
- At the beginning of every session, the school should update the contact details for all parents/guardians for pupils accessing school transport. This will allow school office staff to inform parents/guardians immediately of changes due to adverse weather.
- If the inclement weather is continuous, the school will update their website on a daily basis.

Parental Responsibilities

- To ensure child/children are at designated pick up point (please note that in adverse weather this may differ from original point, Head Teacher will advise).
- If concerns regarding bus arrival, contact bus operator and/or school.



- Parents should ensure that they notify the school of any changes to their contact details.
- If they have not already done so, parents are advised to register for the text messaging alert system within their child's school.
- Where inclement weather is present and it is probable that the current pick up point is unlikely to be accessed, parents should take a common sense approach and their child/children should be taken or directed to the closest accessible pick up point within a reasonable distance.

Medical and Health Care

If a child becomes ill in school, the parent is contacted or the emergency contact if the parent is not available. The school should be informed of arrangements for collecting sick children when the parent is not at home and also of any medical problem likely to affect the child at school. In the case of an accident, first aid is given but if it is a serious case, the parent is notified and the child's doctor is contacted for advice and an ambulance summoned when necessary. **It is therefore essential that up-to-date telephone numbers and emergency contacts are shared with the school.**

Parents should provide the Head Teacher with sufficient information about their child's health care needs and treatment. Where necessary, this information should be updated annually or more frequently if there is a change in circumstances. Where there is concern about whether the school can meet the pupil's needs or where the parents' expectations appear unreasonable, the Head Teacher should seek advice from the school nurse or doctor and, if required, the Chief Education Officer.

Wet Weather Arrangements

During heavy falls of rain, our children will be accommodated in class bases at the intervals. Supervision will be provided by the Senior Leadership Team, support staff and P7 monitors. When the weather is only slightly wet or showery, children will be allowed outside to play. We have observed in the past that children benefit from a break from the class bases to enjoy some fresh air and exercise, when this is possible.

The school opens at 9 a.m. when the school bell rings but in times of inclement weather the doors will open at 8.50 a.m. and the children will be given access to the cloakroom areas, supervised by the Senior Leadership Team.



Data Protection Act 1998

East Dunbartonshire Council will process your child's personal data in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and all other relevant legislation. The Council may share your child's personal data with other Council services and public agencies to support the delivery of services to promote the health, safety and well-being of children and young people. For full details of how we will use your data please visit – www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/council/privacy-notices

Accessing Your Child's Pupil Records

Parents have a legal right of access to their child's core education records, regardless of the age of their child. These are the records held within your child's Personal Pupil Record (PPR). Parents do not have a general right of access to all records that mention their child. To access your child's file, please apply in writing to the Head Teacher.



A child has a legal right of access to all records held about them. This includes records that may be held out with of the PPR. If a child is aged 12 or over and can show suitable maturity and understanding they may exercise this right of access through a request to the Head Teacher in writing. If your child is aged 11 or younger, or is not considered to have suitable maturity or understanding, then a parent may make an application on their child's behalf for access to all records. The table below summarises who may access what records through writing to the appropriate Head Teacher.

AGE OF CHILD	CHILD'S LEGAL RIGHTS	PARENTAL LEGAL RIGHTS
Under 12	A child's parent or guardian may apply on the child's behalf for access to all records	Right of access to core education record (PPR)
12 and older	If able to show suitable maturity and understanding, the child may apply for access to all records.	Right of access to core education record (PPR) No legal right to all records unless acting as child's representative because child is unable to show suitable maturity or understanding

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act gives individuals a statutory right to the unpublished "internal" information and records held by Scottish Public Authorities such as East Dunbartonshire Council and its schools. Individuals have already used this legislation to find out about policy, procedures and how particular decisions have been reached. If you would like to use this legislation to access particular information please write to the Head Teacher, and subject to certain conditions and exemptions, you will receive a full response within twenty working days of receipt of the request.

Please note that you cannot access personal information on staff or pupils under this legislation. To access personal information about your own child, please see the section 28 on Accessing Your Child's Pupil Records.

Use of Photographs and Video Film Involving Pupils

On occasion, the school may seek permission from parents to photograph/video pupils for internal purposes within the school, for Council publicity materials and/or for press/media related activities. If a pupil's image is being used on any webpage or on a webcam, parents will be asked for express consent as this image has the capability of being viewed by any person with Internet access world wide.

Pupil photographs will be held with the school's Management Information System (SEEMIS), parents will be asked for consent.

School Campus No Smoking Policy

With the introduction of the Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Prohibition of Smoking in Certain Premises (Scotland) Regulations 2006, East Dunbartonshire Council now operates a no smoking policy across all authority's school campuses. Any person accessing the school must refrain from smoking in any of the school campus areas.

The Use of Mobile Phones in School

This policy sets out the East Dunbartonshire Council framework on the use of mobile devices (e.g. phones, tablets and smartwatches) in schools. It aims to support learning and teaching, safeguard young



people, promote consistency, and ensure equity of access across schools. The policy aligns with Scottish Government guidance (2024) and reflects the outcomes of extensive stakeholder engagement. Mobile device use should be guided by clear educational purposes that reflect teacher professionalism and context specific judgement.

Operational Guidance

Primary Schools

- Pupils are strongly encouraged to leave personal mobile devices at home.
- Where mobile phones are brought solely for use during travel to and from school (e.g. for safety, communication during pickups, or family transition arrangements), they must remain switched off and stored securely in school bags throughout the school day.
- Smartwatches must be set to airplane mode, to disable messaging, notifications, and camera functions.
- Personal mobile phones and smartwatches must not be used during lessons and not used during lunch or interval. Local arrangements are subject to Head Teacher discretion in consultation with stakeholders.
- Exceptions may be granted for medical, communication, or additional support needs, with parental agreement and Head Teacher approval. If use of mobile devices is permitted clear expectations and boundaries must be established to promote wellbeing, inclusion, and responsible use.
- All parent/carer communication should be directed through the school office.

Secondary Schools

- Mobile devices are not permitted in lessons unless expressly authorised by the class teacher for a specific planned educational task. If approved use has not been given, mobile devices should be switched off and remain out of sight.
- Use of mobile devices during interval and lunch times may be permitted and should be considered in consultation with pupils and staff. Where allowed, clear expectations and boundaries must be established to promote wellbeing, inclusion, and responsible use such as listening to music with earphones.
- Exceptions may be granted for medical, communication, or additional support needs, with parental agreement and Head Teacher approval. If use of mobile devices is permitted clear expectations and boundaries must be established to promote wellbeing, inclusion, and responsible use.
- The use of mobile devices is strictly prohibited during assessments or examinations.

Safeguarding and Prohibited Uses

All schools must ensure rigorous measures are in place to ensure that mobile technologies are not misused. Staff are required to be vigilant and report breaches to their line manager. The following are strictly prohibited:

- Recording or photographing staff, pupils, or premises without explicit consent.
- Audio recording of lessons or individuals.
- Sharing school-related content on social media without approval.
- Engaging in any form of online cyberbullying.
- Accessing, viewing or sharing content which is of a violent or adult nature.

Policy Exceptions



Exceptions may be granted where justified and supported by appropriate documentation. This may include:

- A medical requirement (e.g. continuous glucose monitoring).
- A communication need (e.g. augmentative technology).
- A documented additional support need (e.g. ASN Action Plan).
- Young carers who require ongoing contact with family members.

There have been many concerns raised by Head Teachers, staff and parents about the extensive use of mobile phones by pupils and the associated risks of such use while in school.

The Education Committee of East Dunbartonshire Council as a result of these concerns, agreed that each school should have the power to set its own policy in relation to pupil use of mobile phones in school.

Appointment of Adults to Voluntary Child Care Positions

In order to meet a legal obligation under the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 and as part of the policy in respect of child protection, the Council has introduced a policy to ensure that any individual who is appointed to a voluntary child care position is not fully listed on the Disqualified from Working with Children List.

This policy, which requires any adult appointed to a voluntary child care position, to undergo a criminal background check to ensure their suitability. The policy applies in particular to:

- parent volunteer helpers in schools who are considered to have regular contact with children and young people;
- parents and co-opted members of parent councils;
- parent members of local parent-teacher associations;
- elected members serving on committees relating to the development of children's services;
- any other individual working in a voluntary child care position within a service managed by East Dunbartonshire Council.

The policy builds on East Dunbartonshire Council's *Child Protection Interagency Guidance* (2002) which underpins all child protection work undertaken by local authority services. It also complements the Council's policy on the leasing of council premises to organisations which provide activities and services to children and young people.



Useful Addresses

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Email : office@killermont.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

Education Offices

The Marina
Strathkelvin Place
Kirkintilloch
G66 1XQ

Tel: 0300 1234510
sharedservices.education@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Local Councillors

Ian Gallagher - Bearsden South

Vaughan Moody - Bearsden South

12 Strathkelvin Place
Kirkintilloch
G66 1TJ
Tel: 0141 578 8086

Community Hub

69 Drymen Rd,
Bearsden,
G61 3QT
Tel : 0141 777 3021

Schools Letting Office

Business Support
Suite F4
6 Strathkelvin Place
Kirkintilloch
G66 1XT
Tel: 0141 578 8695
Fax: 0141 578 8945
Email: letting@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland

Tel : 0333 405 3333

Step By Step - Out of School Club

Killermont Church Halls
Rannoch Drive
Bearsden G61 2LD
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