

# Forthill Primary School



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## Section 1: Welcome and Vision

Welcome to our school community. On behalf of all staff, pupils and families, I am delighted to introduce you to our school and to the values, expectations and opportunities that shape life here.

Our school is a place where every child is valued, included and supported to achieve their very best. We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment in which children feel happy, respected and confident to learn. Guided by the principles of Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence and GIRFEC, we work to ensure that every learner experiences success, develops independence and builds positive relationships.

We believe that education is a partnership between home, school and the wider community. Strong communication and collaboration with families are central to our work, and we encourage parents and carers to engage with school life and share in their child's learning journey.

This handbook is designed to provide you with key information about how our school operates, our policies and procedures, and the many opportunities available to pupils. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to help.

We look forward to working with you and your child and to sharing many successes together.

Warm regards,  
Lorna Robertson

## Section 2: School Ethos

### ***Our Vision***

Fly your flag

### ***Our Values***

“Hold the Fort”

Our School Values represent everyone at Forthill works towards a

**Friendly, Optimistic, Respectful & Team**

By upholding these values, we aim to give everyone the skills they need to grow, get along with others, and succeed.

### ***Our Aims***

“Put the Hill in Forthill”

Our school Aims are that every child feels

**Happy, Included, Loved and Learning**

Our Hill is the foundation that we build our school community on.

## Section 3: School Information

<b>School Address:</b> .....	Fintry Place, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 3BE
<b>Telephone:</b> .....	01382 436935
<b>Email Address:</b> .....	<a href="mailto:forthillprimary@dundeeschools.scot">forthillprimary@dundeeschools.scot</a>
<b>Website:</b> .....	<a href="http://forthillprimary.ea.dundeeccity.sch.uk">forthillprimary.ea.dundeeccity.sch.uk</a>
<b>Head Teacher:</b> .....	Lorna Robertson
<b>Depute Head Teacher:</b> .....	Mrs Nicola Munro, Mr Paul Gordon (Acting)
<b>Principal Teacher:</b> .....	Mr Mark Morrison
<b>School Status:</b> .....	Non denominational
<b>School Roll:</b> .....	455 / Nursery 44
<b>School Hours:</b> .....	9.00am - 3.15pm
<b>Parent Council Contact Info:</b> .....	Linda Fraser, Chair
<b>Parish Priest or Minister:</b> .....	Rev Brian Talbot
<b>Parish Address:</b> .....	Broughty Ferry Baptist Church 86 St Vincent Street Broughty Ferry DD5 2EZ

## Section 3: School Information

### Office Hours

The school office is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm.

Please help us by making routine telephone calls within office hours. The answering machine is switched on for your convenience when the school office is unmanned. Please do leave a message and we will return your call as quickly as possible.

**School Entry System:** Visitors should enter via the main entrance, where there is a secure entry system. Please report to reception, where staff will be pleased to help.

### Class Organisation

The organisation of classes may vary from year to year dependent upon certain factors such as the school roll and the number of teachers allocated to the school that session.

At any stage of the school, pupils may be in a straight class which comprises of pupils from the same stage e.g. all Primary 2 pupils or they may be part of a composite class which comprises of pupils from more than one stage, for instance a class with some Primary 2 and some Primary 3 pupils.

You should be confident that the professionalism of the staff in the school will ensure that your child will always work within a programme appropriate for his/her age, ability and aptitude.

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### School Terms and Holidays

#### AUTUMN TERM

Monday 18 August 2025 - Staff resume

Tuesday 19 August 2025 - Pupils resume

Friday 3 October 2025 - Term ends

#### AUTUMN HOLIDAY

Monday 6 October 2025 - Holiday starts

Friday 17 October 2025 - Holiday ends

#### WINTER TERM

Monday 20 October 2025 - Term starts

Thursday 13 November 2025 - In service day, schools closed

Friday 14 November 2025 - In service day

Tuesday 23 December 2025 - Term ends

#### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Wednesday 24 December 2025 - Holiday starts

Tuesday 6 January 2026 - Holiday ends

#### SPRING TERM

Wednesday 7 January 2026 - All resume

Friday 13 - Monday 16 February 2026 - Mid term, all break

Tuesday 17 February 2026 - In service day, schools closed

Thursday 2 April 2026 - Term ends

#### SPRING HOLIDAY

Friday 3 April 2026 (Good Friday) - Holiday starts

Friday 17 April 2026 - Holiday ends

#### SUMMER TERM

Monday 20 April 2026 - All resume

Monday 4 May 2026 - May Day, schools closed

Friday 22 May 2026 - In Service Day, schools closed

Monday 25 May 2026 - Victoria Day, schools closed

Friday 3 July 2026 - Term ends

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### School Uniform

There is an expectation for all pupils to wear the correct school uniform. This helps us in our aim of encouraging children to take a pride in their appearance and to have respect for their school.

- Navy, grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores
- White shirt with tie, or white polo shirt
- School jumper or cardigan, or plain navy jumper or cardigan
- Black or navy school shoes or trainers

### PE Kit (to be worn on PE days):

- Navy, grey or black joggers, leggings or shorts
- Navy, grey or black hoodie or sweatshirt
- White, navy or house-colour T-shirt
- Trainers (any colour)

### Additional Guidance

- Non-branded items only
- Football strips should not be worn
- All items should be labelled to assist recovering in lost property.

School branded clothes are available through:

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/forthill-primary-school.html?p=1>

Or through the uniform reuse area in the school.

### School Clothing Grants

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance - Income Based, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit (where take home pay is less than £726 per month), Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction or Child Tax Credit with an income of less than £18,725 (as assessed by HMRC), you may be entitled to receive a grant towards the cost of buying essential clothing to enable children up to the age of 16 to attend school.

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Grants are paid directly into the applicants bank account or paid by cheque where the applicant does not have a bank account.

The current value of a Clothing Grant is £120 per primary school child and £150 per secondary school child.

The closing date for Clothing Grant applications is 17 March each year. Applications received after 17 March each year will NOT be processed for the current academic year. A fresh application will be required and a new application form will become available in June each year for the next school session beginning in August.

Automatic awards:

Most families will get an automatic award, which means they will not need to fill in a new application form each year.

You get an automatic award if you meet these conditions:

- you got an award in 2022/23 and
- you get Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction.

Payments will be made from 10 July onwards.

Otherwise, you must apply.

**You will not get an automatic award if your child is entering P1.**

Application forms can be made online:

[School Clothing Grant Application Form](#)

### School Meals

School lunches cost £2.15 per day and all children are provided with a lunch menu by Tayside Contracts.

All children staying for lunches within school will eat in the dining hall. Safety flasks containing hot food may be brought to school, but not the glass vacuum type, which may be dangerous, as they are liable to break. Glass bottles should not be brought to school.

Please inform us in writing if your child has any special dietary needs so that arrangements can be put in place to accommodate their needs.

The dining room is supervised by support staff at all times. Please note that the school does not approve of pupils going out of school to buy their lunch due to safety reasons.

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### Free School Meals

Information on applying for free school meals can be found on the [Council's website](#).

### Instrumental Tuition

Tuition fees and instrument hire are currently free.

### Emergency School Closure Procedures

In exceptional circumstances the school may be unable to function normally. The school may be affected by severe weather or power failures. We shall do all we can to let you know about the details of closure and re-opening through the local radio, press, text messages and letters home. You can be assured that we will never send a child home without first checking that there is an adult at home.

### Enrolment & Placing Requests

Prospective parents who wish to come to see the school are invited to telephone the school office to make an appointment to visit.

If you wish to apply for a school place, whether you are moving into Dundee or moving between two Dundee schools, you need to complete a placing request form. To do this, you should apply online, on the Dundee City Council website - go to **Schools & Learning** then **Enrolments and Placing Requests** and select **In Year Change of School**. If you are moving into the area, applications can be made 4 weeks prior to your arrival. Applications are dealt with in date order and the process may take up to 60 working days.

Parents of prospective Primary 1 pupils who reside in the school's catchment area are asked to register their child's name online on the DCC Website - again, go to **Schools & Learning** then **Enrolments and Placing Requests** then select **P1 Enrolments into Catchment School** between December and the February of the year the child starts school.

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Parents of children living outwith the school's catchment area, who wish their child to attend the school, are asked to make a placing request online on the DCC Website - again, go to **Schools & Learning** then **P1 or S1 Placing Requests**. Placing Requests are dealt with in date order and the process should be concluded by the end of April.

### **New Procedures**

Parents of children other than Primary 1 beginners may make an appointment to see the Head Teacher regarding enrolment procedures, however all placing requests must be made to the Education Department. Customer Services, 50 North Lindsay Street, Dundee.

Prospective parents who wish to come to see the school are invited to telephone the school office to make an appointment to visit.

### **School Absence procedures**

Please contact the school as soon as possible if your child is absent. Please send a note to school with your child on their return explaining the reason for the absence.

If your child is absent and no contact is made by you, a text message will be sent from the school. If three days pass without explanation for an absence a School and Family Development Worker will arrange to visit you and your child at home.

The following points are included in the Education Authority's Attendance Initiative

- If your child is ill and cannot attend school please contact the school before, or as soon as possible after 9.00am on the first day of absence.
- If the absence is planned, e.g. a hospital appointment, we ask you to let us know prior to the absence.

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- If your child is absent for more than three days please call again or write to tell us.
- If you have not contacted the school to say your child is absent and have received a text message please contact us as soon as possible.

Regular attendance at school ensures your child is receiving the continuous education they are entitled to. Dundee City Council asks that, where possible, parents do not take children out of school for family holidays during term time. In accordance with Scottish Executive guidelines for pupil attendance, most holidays are recorded as unauthorised unless there is proof from an employer that this is the only time when holidays could be taken.

A guide for parents about school attendance explains parental responsibilities with regard to children's attendance at school – <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/12/04134640/0>

### Appointments

If your child has an appointment during the school day or needs to leave school for any other reason, please put this in writing. We would appreciate it if routine appointments could be made outwith school hours but understand that this isn't always possible.

If your child does need to leave school during the school day they must be collected by a parent/carer at the main reception. In the interest of safety we cannot allow children to leave the school unaccompanied.

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### **Accidents/Illness at School**

In the event of a child having an accident or becoming ill at school we will attempt to contact the parents so that they can collect the child from school. However, if we cannot contact the parents, we will contact the Emergency Contact whose name and telephone number should be given to us by the parents.

**Therefore it is very important that parents inform the school of the name, address and telephone number of the Emergency Contact and advise the school immediately of any changes that occur.**

### **General Safety**

1. Pupils are not allowed to leave the school grounds during interval
2. Pupils staying for school lunches or packed lunches must not leave the grounds during lunch time
3. To ensure the safety of all children, children should behave responsibly both in the playground and within the school

### **Promoting Positive Behaviour**

At Forthill, high standards of behaviour contribute positively to a safe, happy and welcoming learning environment. Our Relationships Policy is in place to support this across the school.

We have eight school values. These are very important to us. Children are encouraged to show these values in all they do. Our values are:

Friendship, Happiness, Honesty, Fairness, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Inclusion

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### **School Concerns and Complaints Procedures**

If you want to talk to your child's teacher or a member of the senior staff it is generally better to make an appointment. This ensures that the member of staff is available, that classes are not disturbed and that pupils' lessons are not affected.

If you have made a complaint to the school and you are not satisfied with the outcome, you can have your complaint reviewed by a senior officer in the Children and Families Service.

Education Department publications can be found at:

<http://www.dundecity.gov.uk/departments-publications/Education>

## Section 5: Parental Involvement

All parents / guardians of Forthill Primary School pupils are automatically members of the Parent Forum. The Parent Council is a group of parents who have been selected in accordance with the Parent Council constitution to represent all the parents of children at our school. Parents of any child at Forthill Primary School can seek to be part of the Parent Council in line with arrangements set out in the constitution. The Parent Council can co-opt other members as it sees fit. Our Parent Council meets at least approximately once each term and meetings are open to all parents.

The aims of the Parent Council are:

- to work together with everyone involved in school life - parents, learners, teachers, school staff and the wider community.
- to allow all parents to have a say in their children's education and to express their views and wishes
- to build links between the school, parents, pupils, nurseries and pre-school groups and the community

If you would like more information about the Parent Council please contact the chair, Linda Fraser, at the following address:

[pcforthill@dundee.npfs.org.uk](mailto:pcforthill@dundee.npfs.org.uk)

### **Friends of Forthill**

The school is extremely well supported by Friends of Forthill, a group of parents and staff which meets to plan and support fund-raising and social events for the school. All parents are welcome to come along.

## Section 6: The Curriculum

### Curriculum for Excellence 3-18

Curriculum for Excellence has been introduced to raise standards of learning and teaching for all pre-school to 18 year olds. It aims to help prepare children and young people with the knowledge and skills they need in a fast changing world. As part of Curriculum for Excellence all children from pre-school to the end of S3 will receive a rounded education known as a Broad General Education. Curriculum for Excellence is all about bringing real life into the classroom and taking lessons beyond it.

Through the experiences we provide we want our children to become Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors. We are committed to providing children with a broad general education and focus on eight curriculum areas.

<b>Expressive Arts</b>	<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>	<b>Languages</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
<b>Religious &amp; Moral</b>	<b>Sciences</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>Technologies</b>

Progress in learning is indicated through curriculum levels as detailed below.

<b>Level</b>	<b>Stage</b>
Early	The pre-school years and P1 or later
First	To the end of P4, but earlier or later for some
Second	To the end of P7, but earlier or later for some
Third & Fourth	S1-S3, but earlier for some

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

**Health and wellbeing:** Learning in health and wellbeing ensures that children and young people develop the knowledge, understanding and skills which they need now and in the future to help them with their physical, emotional and social wellbeing.

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**Science:** Science and its practical application in healthcare and industry is central to our economic future, for our health and wellbeing as individuals and as a society.

**Social Studies:** Through social studies, children and young people develop their understanding of the world by learning about other people and places both past and present, societies, their beliefs and values.

**Religious and moral education:** Religious and moral education includes learning about Christianity, Islam and other world religions, and supports the development of beliefs and values.

**Languages:** Knowing other languages and understanding other cultures is a 21st century skill set for students as they prepare to live and work in a global society.

**Mathematics:** Mathematics equips us with the skills we need to interpret and analyse information, simplify and solve problems, assess risk and make informed decisions.

**Technologies:** The range of subjects in technical education has changed significantly over the last two decades and now includes craft, design, engineering and graphics.

Further curricular information can be found at:

[www.curriculumforexcellencescotland.gov.uk](http://www.curriculumforexcellencescotland.gov.uk)

[www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/index.asp](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/index.asp)

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### **Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)**

The GIRFEC approach is about how staff in all children's services meet their needs by working together to ensure that children reach their full potential.

[www.scotland.gov.uk/gettingitright](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/gettingitright)

### **Religious Observance**

Through the ethos and curriculum, we provide opportunities for pupils to explore morals and values. We help learners develop their own beliefs, values and a responsible attitude to others. Pupils are encouraged to develop an understanding of Christianity and other religions. Pupils develop skills of reflection, critical thinking and how to act when making moral decisions. The school welcomes diversity and individuality while emphasising our common commitment to moral values such as honesty, respect for others, compassion and justice. It is a fundamental principle of the school that all who are involved in the life of the school have the right to be respected as individuals and carry the responsibility to act in a considerate and respectful manner towards others.

Under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 "any pupils may be withdrawn by his/her parents from instruction in religious subjects and from religious observance" Parents wishing to exercise this right should discuss with the Head Teacher.

### **Sensitive Issues**

Part of our curriculum involves teaching the children about issues which could be considered sensitive i.e. sexual health and relationships education or drugs and alcohol awareness. Parents should be assured that whenever these topics arise, we will communicate as appropriate with home. On some occasions we may send a letter just to raise awareness that specific issues are to be covered, on other occasions we will actively seek permission to include your child/ children in a series of lessons. If any parent is concerned about what is being covered within the curriculum however, they should feel free to speak to a member of staff about this.

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### Assessment

Assessment takes place continuously in every classroom within a process known as formative assessment. Teachers observe and talk to children and look at their written work to build up a picture of where each child is in their learning. Assessment tasks are planned and built into day to day learning activities.

From this, teachers help children to see how they can improve and what they need to practise. Self and peer assessment are important parts of this - pupils assess their own learning and help each other to improve.

Within the area of assessment, pupils' learning progress is also measured using standardised assessments which allow the school to develop diagnostic profiles of pupils' strengths and development needs. These assessments also allow comparisons with national levels of attainment. Currently, Scottish National Standardised Assessments (a series of computer-based adaptive tasks) are used to support teachers' judgements of progress in P1, P4 and P7.

The progress of every pupil is tracked throughout their school career. Individual Folios of work, learning journals and other profiles are started in Primary 1 and built upon throughout each child's school experience. These provide evidence of learning progress and aid reporting to parents/carers.

### Reporting to parents

Throughout the year, teachers report to parents in a number of ways relating to the progress of the children. This takes the form of Parents' Evenings, Primary 7 Profiles, formal reports at the end of the school year and also opportunities for further meetings with staff throughout the year if required.

Building the Curriculum 5: a framework for assessment provides guidance around the assessment framework –

[http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/BtC5Framework\\_tcm4-653230.pdf](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/BtC5Framework_tcm4-653230.pdf)

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Information about Curriculum for Excellence levels and how progress is assessed <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/thecurriculum/howisprogressassessed/stages/index.asp>

Information on recognising achievement, reporting and profiling – <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/learningteachingandassessment/assessment/achievement/index.asp>

### **Transition to Primary 1**

Whether your child is transferring from nursery to Primary 1 or from Primary 7 to secondary school or indeed transferring stage through school they will be entitled to support during this process. School staff make every effort to ensure that important information about your child, their learning and progress and any additional support they require is communicated to the teacher at the next stage of learning.

The school encourages parents to discuss these changes and the senior management team will be happy to meet with you to allay any concerns you may have over the new arrangements for your child.

### **Transfer to secondary school**

When your child is due to leave the school at the end of Primary 7, he/she will be allocated a place at their catchment school. The move from primary to secondary school can be a daunting step for pupils and parents. To make this time in the pupils' school career more comfortable, we work closely with secondary schools to provide a range of transitional activities throughout Primary 7. These include Primary School visits from secondary school staff and also a 2 day visit to the secondary school where pupils follow a secondary school timetable. Around this time, secondary staff meet with the Primary 7 teachers to discuss the needs of the children.

## Section 7: Support for Pupils

Most children make satisfactory progress in school and their education can be fully supported by their class teacher. Some children may, however, need additional support to help them access learning in the classroom. Assessment and planning for their needs will be done through a Child's Plan which identifies their strengths, barriers to learning and what action or support required to meet their additional needs. A very small number of children with significant and long-term additional support needs may meet the criteria for a Co-ordinated Support Plan. These will be children who receive a lot of support from people outside education; for example, from health and social work staff.

Support for learning takes place in every class and is the responsibility of all staff in the school. All of our pupils are encouraged to work to the highest level of their ability and extra help is available for children who may require it to help them achieve their potential. The Head Teacher, teachers and other staff work closely to ensure that children and young people's individual learning needs are met.

The work of Support for Learning staff is co-ordinated by the Head Teacher, is regularly reviewed and is based upon pupil need. Support may be given within the class or within another setting, and may be within a group although it is always based upon the needs of the individual child.

The procedures and processes by which an individual child's needs are identified and addressed are set out in Dundee City Council's Children and Families Service policy on Supporting Learners. Central to this is the assessment of need using a staged intervention model and the involvement of parents. We also maintain very valuable partnerships within education and with agencies beyond to support pupils who have additional needs of any kind.

To help assess the specific needs of any pupil who may require extra help the school is able to call upon the services an Educational Psychologist from Dundee Educational Psychology Service. Before such a step is taken, parents are always contacted and the reason for such a referral is fully explained and parental co-operation sought.

## Section 7: Support for Pupils

As a parent/carer you can access a wide range of information with regard to additional support needs. The information is available both at your local school and on the Dundee City Council website on this internet page <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/education/support/>

The following are available for you at the above internet page.

- Assessing Additional Support Needs
- Attending Pupil Support Planning Meetings
- Co-ordinated Support Plan
- Dispute Resolution
- Dispute Resolution Referral Form
- Mediation - Parent to Parent leaflet
- Supporting Learning (Dundee City Council Education Department, Support for Learning Policy)
- Supporting Learning in Dundee

This internet page also has many other leaflets on related topics which might be of interest to you.

If you cannot access the internet, please ask the School Office if you would like a copy of any of these documents.

The Additional Support for Learning (Scotland) Act 2004 as amended by the 2009 Act came into force on 15 November 2010. The recommendations of the Children and Young People's Act (2014), in particular the Child's Plan and the responsibility of the Named Person, also affects how we assess and plan for all children and young people.

## Section 7: Support for Pupils

Information on additional support needs is also available to you from outside Dundee City Council:

### **Enquire - The Scottish Advice Service for Additional Support for Learning**

Operated by Children in Scotland, Enquire offers independent, confidential advice and information on additional support for learning through:

a telephone helpline - 0845 123 2303

an email enquiry service - [info@enquire.org.uk](mailto:info@enquire.org.uk)

an online enquiry service

two websites - [www.enquire.org.uk](http://www.enquire.org.uk) (for parents/carers and practitioners) and [www.enquire.org.uk/yp](http://www.enquire.org.uk/yp) (for children and young people)  
Enquire also provide a range of clear and easy-to-read guides and fact sheets explaining everything from 'additional support in the early years' to 'what planning should take place for moving on from school'.

### **Let's Talk ASN**

Let's Talk ASN is a free service for the parents of children with additional support needs who may require support in relation to a dispute or potential dispute with an education authority. It is a joint initiative of Govan Law Centre (Charity No. SC030193) and Kindred Advocacy (Charity No. SC000264). It provides support for parents and young people from the time they have grounds to make a reference to the Additional Support Needs Tribunal for Scotland (ASNTS).

Advice and information regarding this service can be obtained by email or phone-call:

[letstalkasn@edlaw.org.uk](mailto:letstalkasn@edlaw.org.uk)    0141 445 1955

### **Scottish Child Law Centre**

The Scottish Child Law Centre is a charitable body registered in Scotland under registration number SCO12741." It offers advice and support for families in regard of additional support needs.

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The Scottish Government website's Additional Support for Learning page also provides links to relevant legislation and guidance, including the arrangements that should be in place to support pupils with additional support needs: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education/Schools/welfare/ASL>

The 'Supporting Children's Learning Code of Practice (Revised edition)' - provides Statutory guidance relating to the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 as amended: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/04/04090720/21>

'Getting It Right For Every Child and Young Person', is essential reading for anyone involved or working with children and young people, including practitioners working in adult services with parents and carers. Find it at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright>

'Supporting Learners - guidance on the identification, planning and provision of support' is at <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/supportinglearners/>

## Section 8: School Improvement

**The main focuses for School Improvement this session are:**

### **Priority 1: Literacy Curriculum Development**

- A relevant curriculum which engages children and promotes critical thinking and creativity.
- An inclusive literacy experience to meet the needs of all children.
- Pedagogical approaches based on robust research to promote outstanding learning, teaching and assessment.

### **Priority 2: Human Rights – UNCRC**

- Rights Respecting Schools – Silver Award
- Promoting a culture of respect, valuing children’s voices, and empowering them to exercise their rights.
- Improved school ethos, positive behaviour, and the awareness of global citizenship goals.

### **Priority 3: Closing the gap – Personalised Support**

- Children’s needs are identified through robust assessment to address barriers to learning.
- Staged interventions are evaluated regularly to assess impact.
- Universal and targeted support is embedded and has a positive impact on children’s learning.

## Section 8: School Improvement

### Attainment Data

		Reading			Writing		
Stage	Level	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25
P1	Early	95%	94%	93%	92%	90%	88%
P4	First	96%	95%	96%	91%	92%	90%
P7	Second	96%	85%	98%	93%	87%	93%

		Listening & Talking			Numeracy		
Stage	Level	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25
P1	Early	98%	96%	95%	97%	96%	95%
P4	First	100%	92%	92%	93%	89%	88%
P7	Second	98%	92%	92%	94%	87%	94%

## Section 9: Extra Curricular Activities

Various sports training and activity clubs take place in the school hall after school hours and at lunch times on arranged days, taken by our Active Schools Co-ordinator and coaches from Dundee College.

The Active Schools Co-ordinator for Forthill Primary School is Susan McConnachie. Active Schools Co-ordinators assist in the provision and coordination of a range of physical activities for all age groups.

A variety of extra-curricular activities are also held during lunchtime, often organised and run by senior pupils and overseen by school staff, as well as after school clubs.

An example of the types of activities on offer are:

- Cross Country
- Athletics
- Football Clubs
- Gymnastics
- Rugby
- Netball
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Multi Sports
- Funky Feet Dancing

## Section 10: ScotXed Education Statistics Privacy Notice for Pupil and Teacher Data

These notices are intended to provide information to pupils, teachers and parents about data collected through Scottish Government Statistical Surveys including why it is needed, data policy and individuals' data protection rights. The changes in the latest version are intended to:

- Clarify that the information collected is about pupils/teachers in schools rather than solely related to the Pupil or Teacher Census.
- Continue to inform pupils, teachers and parents that the data may be shared with partners for statistics and research purposes and clarify that this could include linkage to other sources in line with the National Data Linkage Guiding Principles.
- Confirm that pupil/teacher names and address (other than postcode) are never collected.

Local authorities are responsible for ensuring pupils, teachers and parents are kept informed about how data will be used and that such information provided is reviewed regularly to ensure it is in line with best practice.

You can access the updated notices at the following links:

- Education Statistics Privacy Notice – Pupils – <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed/SchoolEducation/SchoolPupilCensus/SchoolHandbookInsertpupils>
- Education Statistics Privacy Notice – Teachers – <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed/SchoolEducation/StaffCensus/SchoolHandbookInsertstaff>



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