Winners of the Sunday Mail and sportscotland School Award; two sportscotland Gold Awards; Equality Advocate of the Year at the 2017 Scottish Diversity Awards; and the Health & Wellbeing Award at the Scottish Education Awards 2018



# Wallace High School

School Brochure 2019



# Stirling Council: Schools, Learning and Education

# Chief Education Officer's Foreword

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Kevin Kelman, Chief Education Officer, Stirling Council, November 2018



# Head Teacher's Introduction

Welcome to Wallace High School – a modern Scottish comprehensive situated at the heart of historic Stirling. We are a community of over 1,000 pupils, with our catchment encompassing six main associated Primary schools: Bridge of Allan, Castleview, Cornton, Fallin, Raploch and Riverside.

We are immensely proud of our school and our wider community. On a daily basis we seek to promote the following qualities as essential to a vibrant, successful school community where *everyone* can achieve:

Attitude: choosing to adopt a positive attitude.

Effort: always working hard to achieve our potential.

Values and Relationships: promoting values such as *mutual respect* and *altruism* (caring for others above ourselves) in order to foster positive relationships.

**Collective Ethos**: the understanding that we are *all* stronger when we work *together* to foster a collective enjoyment of our learning day-today that, in turn, maximises achievement.

We also work very hard to provide a curriculum that is stimulating, relevant and rewarding for all of our young people as part of the Broad General Education (S1-3) and our Senior Phase (S4-6). Examples of this across the school are plentiful and we are particularly proud of partnerships we have formed to enrich the curriculum. These include, to name but a few key examples:

**School of Sport**: as a Scottish School of Sport our pupils from S1-3 can access an enhanced curriculum through specialist coaching due to our partnerships with SFA, SRU, Basketball Scotland, Scottish Swimming, Active Stirling and sportscotland.

**Developing the Young Workforce Partnerships**: our pupils and staff work with a range of partners, including Prudential, from S1 to S6 to develop enterprise and employability skills and experience a real context to promote enterprising learning.

Sistema Scotland: a number of our pupils work with the Big Noise project in the Raploch, which has seen their dedication to music gain national recognition.

The above provides only a flavour of the experiences that our pupils enjoy. We could cite an array of examples of enrichment from across the school: from our STEM Scientists to our young Shakespeareans, who participate in the annual Shakespeare Festival; from our Maths Challenge medalists to our Modern Languages Open Doors participants; from our artistic fashion designers to our budding debaters and politicians; from our young engineers to our musicians who create such a vibrant orchestra; from our Duke of Edinburgh Award winners to our many students who gain Personal Achievement Awards...the list goes on.

As previously expressed, we are very proud of our school and hope that our brochure provides a sense of the richness of what happens here on a daily basis. Please do not hesitate to call, email or to drop in at any time to discuss any aspect of Wallace High with myself, or one of our team. We are keen to further enrich our partnerships and welcome any feedback. Our motto, Fide Ut Rupe Fundatum, suggests the fundamental importance of 'building on a solid rock, or foundation'. Our belief is that the pupils, parents, staff and partners, the people who comprise our community, provide an excellent collective foundation on which to build.

# A Brief History of Wallace High School

In the late 1960s a new government policy of fully comprehensive non-selective schools began in Scotland. At the same time, Stirling University opened in 1967 and Stirling's population began to rise. A new high school was needed to replace the former Riverside Junior Secondary School (which became a Primary School), and Wallace High duly opened on a green-field site at Causewayhead in 1971. The first Rector was Tom McIntyre, who served in that post to 1983. Realising the importance of winning public and parental confidence for this new school, he led Wallace High through its formative years and ensured high standards and achievements from the start. The school's first uniform was a purple blazer with gold trim - purple still features in the school's dress code today.

The school quickly achieved both academic and wider success. The Music department became especially noted for its excellent annual operas, and many pupils went on to distinguished careers in music. Early sporting strengths were in canoeing, fencing and rugby.

In 1983 Mr McIntyre retired, to wide praise for his great work in having seen the school so well established in the area. He was followed by Bill Brodie, who served as Head Teacher to his retirement in September 2002. During this time the school continued to grow stronger. Two teachers, Mr Sandy Gauld of the Technical Department and Mr Charles Lees of the Chemistry Department, were voted British 'teachers of the year'.

In further diverse examples of success, from our Creative and Aesthetic department came Angela Donald, who is Head of Design for the fashion company Yik Yue (H.K) Commercial Ltd. Alison Kilgour (Dowell) our Head Girl from 1996 had a great career in Scottish Construction, she also founded a charity 'So Precious' supporting the neo natal unit for sick kids in Forth Valley.

Rugby player Kenny Logan went on to win 70 Scottish international caps, footballers Gary and Steven Caldwell found similar success, winning 55 and 12 Scottish caps respectively, while slalom canoeist Campbell Walsh won an Olympic silver medal at Athens in 2004.

During the 1990s - 2000s the school was especially noted for its excellent debating teams, science innovators, musical shows, the success of its Ochil House pupils in many swimming and athletics events, its annual ski trips and many other overseas visits etc. In rugby, the team won the Scottish Schools 7-a-side quaich tournament at Murrayfield, and regularly won the Central Schools 15-a-side league and cup. One young player in more recent teams was Finn Russell, now enjoying a Scottish international career.

In September 2002 Mr Brodie retired and was followed as Head Teacher by Mrs Linda Horsburgh. She led the school's move in 2008 to its present location on Airthrey Road, to an exciting new building, the result of a public-private funding partnership. Since then the school has evolved further. It is now an award-winning Scottish School of Sport with a focus on Football, Rugby, Swimming, Dance and Basketball, as well multiple rich activities across creative industries, STEM disciplines and the arts. In December 2012 Mrs Linda Horsburgh retired as Head Teacher and was succeeded by Mr Scott Pennock. The school continues to evolve in the twenty-first century, constantly seeking to adapt and to ensure that our many youngsters go on to have happy, successful and fulfilling lives in an ever-changing world.

## Compiled by Mr Craig Mair, former Principal Teacher of History

# Associated Primaries

We work closely with our associated primary schools to ensure a smooth transition from P7 to S1.

Members of Wallace High School staff visit and meet pupils and parents of our associated primaries during Primary 6 and 7. We aim to be well informed about pupils' learning, social, medical and pastoral needs to help us be better prepared when they join us at Wallace High School in August.

All P7 pupils visit Wallace High for two days in May to become acquainted with the school and our staff. Pupils also visit the school throughout P6 and 7 for a range of curricular transition experiences, including those in Mathematics, Science and PE (our School of Sport). Parents are invited to meet staff during an information evening during May transition week and during additional evening meetings in term 1, including the first S1 Parents' Evening, which provides an opportunity for individual feedback across subject areas.

The majority of pupils come from the associated primaries in our central catchment area:

Bridge of Alla	n Raploch Primary School				
Primary School	Raploch Community				
Pullar Avenue,	Campus				
Bridge of Allan,	Drip Road, Stirling				
FK9 4SY	FK8 1SD				
Tel. 01786 832050	Tel. 01786 272320				
Cornton Primar	y Riverside Primary				

School	School
Cornton Road, Stirling	Forrest Road, Stirling
FK9 5DZ	FK8 1UJ
Tel. 01786 832051	Tel. 01786 474128



Fallin Primary School Lamont Crescent, Fallin, Stirling, FK7 7EJ Tel. 01786 812063 **Castleview School** Raploch Community Campus, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1SD Tel. 01786 272326

# Our School Day

Our school day is noted below. Please remember, however, that at the end of the school day there are a number of additional activities that enrich a pupil's wider experience, including numerous clubs and groups (sporting and otherwise) and study support sessions. Pupils should listen to daily Tannoy announcements and read the Pupil Bulletin to ensure that they make the most of their day.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00	TG	TG	09.00	TG	TG	TG
09.10	Pd 1	Pd 1	09.10	Pd 1	Pd 1	Pd 1
10.00	Pd 2	Pd 2	10.00	Pd 2	Pd 2	Pd 2
10.50	Interval	Interval	10.50	Interval	Interval	Interval
11.05	Pd3	Pd3	11.05	Pd3	Pd3	Pd3
11.55	Pd 4	Pd 4	11.55	Pd 4	Pd 4	Pd 4
12.45	Pd 5	Pd 5	12.45	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.35	Lunch	Lunch	13.25	Pd 5	Pd 5	Pd 5
14.15	Pd 6	Pd 6	14.15	Pd 6	Pd 6	Pd 6
15.05	Pd 7	Pd 7	15.05	Home	Home	Home
15.55	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home

# Staff List Session 2018 - 2019

Head Teacher:Mr Scott PennockSenior Leadership Team:Mr Gary Cordiner (DHT - S1&S2), Mrs Donna Harris (DHT - S3&S4), Mr Craig Downie (DHT -<br/>S5&6) & Mr Paul Ramsay (Business Manager)Pupil Support Leaders:Miss Melanie Dunsmore (S1), Jennifer Chumley (Learning Support/S2), Mr Brian Kerr (S3),<br/>Mrs Frances Buchanan (S4), Mr Graeme Campbell & Miss Julie Christie – Acting (S5), Mr<br/>Austin Cavanagh & Ms Kitt Curwen - Acting (Behaviour Support)

#### AIRTHREY

Science Faculty Leader: Mr Graeme Rough

#### Chemistry

Mrs Claire Winters Mrs Amy McLeod Dr Lindsay Robertson

#### Physics

Mr Graeme Rough Mr Graeme Campbell (also Pupil Support) Mr Steven Wilkinson

#### Biology

Mrs Katherine Yeomans (Principal Teacher) Miss Julie Christie (also Pupil Support) Dr Annie McRobbie Mrs Jennifer Oxburgh

Social Subjects (Geography, History, Modern Studies and Politics) Faculty Leader: Mrs Sarah Bellingham

Mrs Sarah Bellingham (Geography & History) Mrs Samantha Horne (History & Politics) Mrs Lorna Shannon (Geography & History) Mr Ross Laird (Geography & Modern Studies) Mr Paul Gracie (Pupil Support, Geography & Modern Studies) Mrs Lea Horsburgh (History, Modern Studies & Politics) Mr Austin Cavanagh (Pupil Support, Modern Studies & Politics) Miss Catriona Robertson (Modern Studies) Mr Graham Oliver (Geography)

#### Pupil Support Leader (SEBN):

Mr Austin Cavanagh (also Social Subjects) Ms Kitt Curwen – Acting (also Citizenship)

#### Learning Support

Pupil Support Leader (Learning): Mrs Jennifer Chumley Mr Craig Murray Mrs Annette Kupke Mrs Claudia Biancone Mrs Christine Burnett

#### Pupil Support Leader Ochil House: Mrs Linda Donaldson

Mrs Moira Mackay Mr Ewen McNair Mrs Monica Gillespie Mrs Margaret Gunn Ms Alex Wilkes

#### LOGIE

Creative Industries Faculty Leader: Mrs Adele McAdam (Acting – Mrs Laura Sinclair)

Art Mrs Laura Sinclair Mrs Lesley McDermott Mr Daniel Auldjo Mrs Jan Draper

#### Music

Mrs Melody Auldjo Mrs Pamela Spencer Miss Emma Paterson Mr Ashley Edwards

#### **Design & Engineering**

Mrs Adele McAdam Miss Sharon Glass Mrs Becky Crawford Mrs Gill Newall

#### Numeracy & Technology

Faculty Leader: Mr Innes MacLeod

#### Mathematics

Mr Innes MacLeod Mr Jamie Henderson Mr Brian Kerr (also Pupil Support) Mrs Sanja McGonagle Mrs Leah Payne Mrs Vicki Bowie Mr Allistair Cruikshanks Mrs Victoria Wall

#### **Business Education**

Mr Peter Smith (Acting Principal Teacher Positive Destinations) Mrs Gillian Graham

#### **Computing Studies**

Mr Stuart Winton Mrs Jennifer Chumley (also Pupil Support) Mrs Frances Buchanan (also Pupil Support)

#### POWI

School of Sport and Health & Wellbeing Faculty Leader: Mr Colin Burke

Mr Colin Burke Miss Melanie Dunsmore (also Pupil Support) Mrs Pamela Steel Miss Rachel Whillans Mr Ronan Murray Mr Chris Jubb Miss Shannon Lister Miss Meghan Plummer Miss Kim Bruce (School of Dance Coach) Miss Zoe Thomson (School of Dance Coach) Mr Michael McPake (Active Schools Co-ordinator) Mr Chris Geddes (School of Football Coach) Mr Cory McCabe (School of Basketball Coach)

Home Economics Miss Laura Devine

Miss Leah Knox

Citizenship Faculty Leader: Mr David Niven

#### Modern Languages

Mrs Marie Philipson Mrs Arlene Orr Mrs Sheena Bell Mrs Michelle McCaffrey Miss Celia Martin

Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies Mr David Niven Ms Kitt Curwen (also Pupil Support) Mrs Gillian McManus

Communication Faculty Leader: Mrs Julie Pirie (Acting)

#### English

Mrs Julie Pirie Mrs Gill Head Ms Alison Curry Mrs Paula Todd Miss Heather Doran Mr Stewart Dey Mr Matthew Buchanan Mrs Erica Christie

Gaelic Miss Alison MacRae

#### Administration

Mrs Wendy McWatt (School Administrator) Mrs Lynne Hawley Mrs Judith Taylor Mrs Sheila Henderson Mrs Dianne Muirhead Mrs Grace Gray Mrs Laura McMeechan Miss Rachel Moran

Skills Development Scotland Careers Advisor Mrs Fiona Lafferty



Technicians Mr Julian Robinson (ICT) Mrs Morna Leask (Science/whole school) Mr Michael Naismith

Learning Resources Centre Mrs Clare Waters, LRC Co-ordinator

Pool & Leisure Attendant Mr Alan Watt

School Based Police Officer P.C. Liz Brown

Family Workers Mrs Carole Roberts Mrs Colleen Kerr

Support for Learning Assistants (General) Mrs Marilyn Messer (Medical Attendant) Mrs Irene Binning

Mrs Alison Harrower

**Care and Welfare Co-ordinator** Mrs Julie Halliday

Support for Learning Assistants (SEN) Mrs Gail Pearson Mrs Lorna Nicol Mrs Joan Currie Mrs Jenny Rana Ms Judith Reid Mrs Libby Robertson Mrs Carol Watson Mrs Alison Wills Mrs Maria Gray Miss Karen Wilson Mrs Tracy Ballantine Mrs Amanda McQuillan Mrs Margaret Cooper Mrs June Douglas Mrs Pamela Livingston Mrs Karen Bullen Mrs Patricia King Ms Kirstin Tobin Miss Lisa Kemp Mrs Charlene Taylor Mrs Christine Downie Mr Michael Naismith Ms Dawn Addie (SEBN) Miss Gemma Milne (SEBN)

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# Wallace High School: SLT Remits 2018/19

S. Pennock (HT)	G. Cordiner (DHT)	(DHT) D. Harris (DHT) C. Dow	C. Downie (DHT)	P. Ramsay (Business Manager)
Strategic Planning Raising Attainment/ Achievement Staffing Community Liaison Local Authority Liaison Scottish Government Liaison	<ul> <li>S1 &amp; S2</li> <li>S1 &amp; S2</li> <li>(Pastoral Role as Head of Years)</li> <li>Pupil Support Overview S1-6</li> <li>Ochil House</li> <li>Enrolments &amp; Placing</li> <li>Requests (plus whole school</li> </ul>	S3 & S4 (Pastoral Role as Head of Years) Enrolments & Placing Requests Totality of Whole School Curriculum ~ CfE (incl.	S5 – S6 (Pastoral Role as Head of Years) Enrolments & Placing Requests SQA and Prelims School Timetable	Resource and Finance Management Management of Information Systems Whole School ICT – infrastructure strategy/ key liaison with HT on Digital
Parent Teacher Network Whole School Self-Evaluation School Calendar School Policies School Publications (Standards & Quality Report and School Brochure) School Improvement Plan Extended Leadership PRD Resource/Finance Management ~ Liaison with Business Manager Teaching commitment	ESOL/Learning Support) Primary Liaison & P7 Transition ASL Act GIRFEC Child Protection Personnel & Absence Management (PSLs) SLA Strategic Deployment Partner Agencies Teaching commitment	HWB, LIT, NUM, DYW, OH) Senior Phase Options (S3 into S4) Personnel & Absence Management (link faculties) Learning, Teaching & Assessment (inc. SMHW) Probationers & Students Probationers & Students PRD & CLPL Quality Assurance Awards Ceremonies/Celebrating Whole School Achievement Teaching commitment	Tracking, Monitoring & Intervention Senior Phase Options (S4/5 into S5/6) Transitions 16+ & Positive Destinations Wallace Hub Reporting Reporting SEEMIS Personnel & Absence Management (link faculties) Parents' Evenings Trips/Excursions Teaching commitment	Stategy Glow Co-ordinator Human Resource/ Personnel Management School Website Health and Safety Technicians School Office Liaison Data Sharing System Absence Management (Support Staff) Management of Support Staff Cover arrangements PPP Contractual Duties Management of School Fund
Senior Leadership Team – DHTs/ Business Manager	PSL – S1-6 GIRFEC/ Learning Support/ FSB/ Ochil House	Faculties – Citizensbip/ Creative Industries/ Social Subjects/ Curriculum (Partnersbips/DYW)	Faculties – English & Comm/ Numeracy & Tech/ Science/ HWB & SOS/ Hub Link	PRD - Support Staff Support staff - LRC/ Technicians/ Office Staff/ Pool attendant

# School Holidays 2019/2020

# STIRLING COUNCIL - EDUCATION

# 2019-2020 School Dates

Autumn Term		
Starts	Monday 19 August 2019 Tuesday 20 August 2019	Teachers return Pupils return
Ends	Friday 11 October 2019	
October Holiday Starts Ends	Monday 14 October 2019 Friday 18 October 2019	
Winter Term Starts	Monday 21 October 2019	
Staff Development Day Staff Development Day	Thursday 28 November 2019 Friday 29 November 2019	
Winter Term Ends	Friday 20 December 2019	
Christmas Holiday Starts Ends	Monday 23 December 2019 Friday 3 January 2020	
Spring Term Starts	Monday 6 January 2020	
Staff Development Day Staff Development Day Local Holiday Local Holiday Local Holiday	Monday 17 February 2020 Tuesday 18 February 2020 Wednesday 19 February 2020 Thursday 20 February 2020 Friday 21 February 2020	
Spring Term Ends	Friday 3 April 2020	
<b>Spring Holiday</b> Starts Ends	Monday 6 April 2020 Friday 17 April 2020	
Summer Term Starts	Monday 20 April 2020	
Local Holiday	Monday 4 May 2020	
Summer Term Ends	Thursday 25 June 2020	
Summer Holiday Starts Ends	Friday 26 June 2020 Friday 14 August 2020	
	Monday 17 August 2020* Tuesday 18 August 2020*	Teachers return Pupils return

\* To be confirmed



# Pupil Support

At Wallace High School we have a substantial **Pupil Support** structure that is designed to provide the highest level of care and support for *all* pupils to allow them to realise their full potential. This starts as early as Primary 6 with our **Primary Transitions Programme**, which supports curricular and pastoral transition and includes detailed work by our **Learning Support** specialists to ensure that all support for learners is in place prior to the start of Secondary. Details on Pupil Support are provided below, starting with an outline of our Pupil Support structure, which makes clear who to contact directly at each stage if you have a concern with your child.

Stage/ Pupil	2018	3/19	2019/20		
Group	РТ	DHT	РТ	DHT	
\$1	Miss M Dunsmore	Mr G Cordiner	Mr G Campbell	Mr G Cordiner	
S2	Mrs J Chumley	Mr G Cordiner	Miss M Dunsmore	Mr G Cordiner	
S3	Mr B Kerr	Mrs D Harris	Mrs J Chumley	Mrs D Harris	
\$4	Mrs F Buchanan	Mrs D Harris	Mr B Kerr	Mrs D Harris	
\$5	Mr G Campbell	Mr C Downie	Mrs F Buchanan	Mr C Downie	
\$6	Mr C Downie	Mr C Downie	Mr C Downie	Mr C Downie	
Ochil House	Mrs L Donaldson	Mr G Cordiner	Mrs L Donaldson	Mr G Cordiner	
Learning Support	Mrs J Chumley	Mr G Cordiner	Mrs J Chumley	Mr G Cordiner	
Behaviour Support	Mr A Cavanagh/ Ms C Curwen	Mr G Cordiner	Mr A Cavanagh	Mr G Cordiner	

# Assemblies and Health & Wellbeing Inputs

For all pupils, at each stage of their education, we have detailed programmes of age appropriate personal and social development and health and wellbeing education on topics such as: Internet Safety; Bullying; Healthy Eating and Lifestyles; Study Support and Stress Management; Careers Advice etc... These inputs are delivered by a number of professionals from within and beyond the school, including: our School Based Police Officer; Careers Advisor; PTs Pupil Support; SMT; Health Professionals; Curricular Specialists and many other partners.

# **Supporting Learning**

Staff work co-operatively with subject departments to ensure that all pupils can successfully access the curriculum by providing:

- CSPs Co-ordinated Support Plans are provided for a number of pupils who have additional support needs arising from complex or multiple factors which require a high degree of coordination of support from education and other partner agencies in order that their needs can be met.
- IEPs Individual Educational Plans agreed with curricular departments for pupils with identified learning needs.
- Learning and Teaching in small groups provided on a short or longer-term basis for pupils experiencing the greatest difficulty with basic skills.
- Focused support in the classroom from class teachers.
- Assistance in the classroom from Learning Support Teachers, and from a dedicated team of Support for Learning Assistants.
- Individual tuition and assistance in class for pupils who are returning to school after a long absence.
- Access to, and support from, ASN Outreach Service.
- Access to, and support from, Youth Services. e.g. Activity Agreements / targeted services.

On-going curricular support is provided by Learning Support teachers working co-operatively with class teachers, for example in the production of appropriate differentiated resources to meet a wide range of specific needs and providing targeted support for those with Additional Support Needs. " At Wallace High School effective Pupil Support is essential to wellbeing and to maximising success for all learners."

# Further Support

We support our young people in a number of additional ways, including:

- Targeted Mentoring promotes a focus on Attendance, Attainment/Achievement and Aspirations with appropriate interventions by our extended team where support is required in any of these key areas. Attendance is a key focus of our Pupil Support team.
- Behaviour Support our Flexible Support Base is utilised to support where any behavioural concerns are impacting on learning.
- Break, Lunch and Supported Study a number of break, lunch and after school support opportunities are available, both in terms of general homework/study support and subject-specific supported study.
- Peer Support and Paired Reading we have structured programmes in both of these key areas, which involve training senior pupils to support young learners in a range of contexts.
- Careers/Transition to Positive Destinations staff work with Skills Development Scotland to offer advice and information to all pupils and our Careers Officer provides specific support for pupils through assemblies, class sessions and individual interviews.

# **Tutor Group Leaders**

For the first ten minutes of every morning, pupils spend time in Tutor Group with their Tutor Group Leader. Ideally, this teacher gets to know individual pupils very well and follows them through school. Tutor Group time is essential in setting a tone for the day and supports a focus on attendance, timekeeping, uniform and is where appointments and absence notes etc. are dealt with. This is the crucial point where 'First-line Guidance' occurs and where we can monitor pupils wellbeing on a daily basis.

# **Medical Matters**

The school has a Medical Attendant who deals both with routine schools' health service matters and with minor illnesses in the school. Emergency cases are referred, when necessary, to medical professionals, and immediate contact is made with parents. Prior notification of inoculations etc. is given, and parental permission sought.

Medication, prescribed and non-prescribed, must be supplied by parents/carers. In accordance with Stirling Council Guidelines, a letter from a parent/carer authorising the school Medical Attendant to issue medication must be written to the school. In the case of prescribed medication, this authorisation requires to be updated on a termly basis. The issuing of nonprescribed medication will be limited to no more than 5 consecutive days, after which further authorisation must be received by the school.

## Learning Resources Centre (LRC)

## <u>Aims</u>

The LRC aims to support pupils throughout school by:

- Helping pupils become confident and successful learners by developing information literacy skills;
- Developing successful learners by promoting reading within the Curriculum (developing core literacy skills) and for enjoyment;
- Providing the widest range of learning resources to meet the needs of the whole school.



**Supporting the Curriculum** The LRC supports the Curriculum in a number of ways:

The S1 Information Skills course is integrated into the English curriculum. All S1 classes have a weekly library period where they learn the key skills associated with locating, selecting and using information.

Pupils are encouraged to read for pleasure, and challenged to read widely. Classes in all year groups have regular timetables ('library periods') that are organised with the English Department. The LRC is also the venue for our paired reading initiative that involves S1 pupils. The Librarian (Mrs Waters) organises for authors to visit Wallace High to speak to pupils and takes pupils to events at Stirling's *Off the Page* book festival and the Edinburgh Festival.

Teachers are encouraged to bring classes to the LRC to access information resources to support investigative course work. There is a flexible and informal booking system and the LRC is used heavily by departments.

The Librarian is a member of the School's Literacy Working Group.

#### Learning Resources

The LRC has over 11,000 resources. The collection is organised into four broad areas:

Fiction, Information, Careers and Staff Continuing Professional Development.

The LRC has a suite of 20 computers, which are regularly used by classes/groups.

The library's electronic catalogue is called OLIVER. Pupils and staff can use this to search for resources and this can be accessed from all computers in the LRC.

#### **Opening Times**

The LRC is open all day from 8.30 am. It is closed during morning break and for the **first fifteen** minutes of the lunch break. Pupils can use the LRC during lunchtime from 1.15 pm and after school. Each year group has their own designated day.

# Parent Teacher Network

How parents can make a difference:

# Learning begins (and continues) at home:

Parents and families are children's first teachers and continue to make a difference to children's learning as they grow older. Information and support can help parents make the most of family activities to help children learn and develop.

## Parents and schools as partners:

There are lots of ways in which the school, parents, families and the community can work together to give our young people the best possible education. Schools are most effective when they develop positive relationships with parents and the community they serve.

#### Giving parents a voice:

The Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006 gives parents the right to receive information about their children's education and to have their views expressed through the Parent Council (our PTN).

**More information** can also be found on the Parentzone website at: www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk

Our **PTN** meets termly (dates published in our school calendar) and supports at a number of school events. Elected PTN committee members are listed below: **Chair**: Mrs Wendy MacKinnon **Secretary**:

Mrs Tor McKay

Treasurer:

Mrs Eve Kidd

Communications:

Mrs Janice Morgan-Singh.

Fundraising Team:

Mrs Janet Laverty and Mrs Rachel Metcalfe.

**Ochil House Representative:** 

Mrs Alison Gow

# Pupil Councils

Our commitment to pupil voice is embodied by our elected Head Boy and Girl and Senior Pupil Team as well as through our elected Junior and Senior Pupil "Parental and pupil voice are fundamental to maintaining a strong sense of community and to our on-going commitment to improvement for all."

Councils. Pupil Councils meet termly, establish a shared agenda, and fully represent the interests of each tutor group in the school. In the last year alone, the Pupil Council has had an active voice in uniform, school meal provision and rewards activities. Our lead pupil representatives in the school are our **Head Boy** and Girl. For 2018/19 they are:

Emma Binnie and Layton Wardrope.

# **Effective Communication**

We are committed to excellent communication with all parents and utilise the following methods to keep parents fully informed:

- Availability for **phone or meeting contact** with relevant PT Pupil Support/ SMT on a daily basis (see appropriate year group links);
- Formal Reporting on individual pupils three times per year through: Interim Report; Full Report and Parents' Evenings;
- Parental Calendar published annually;
- Flourish news brochure three times per year;
- Regular **Parental Letters** (posted and in school bags) to keep parents abreast of events;
- Mobile text updates;
- Our School Website and Twitter:

www.wallacehigh.org.uk @wallacehighsch



# School Uniform

Our school uniform expectations apply to **all** pupils for the coming year. We publish these early to ensure that parents have plenty of time to make the necessary arrangements for **all** children to wear full school uniform from August 2018. We are very proud of our uniform as it represents a **visible commitment to the values of our school**. We appreciate your support with this on a daily basis.

# Uniform Expectations

The following uniform must be worn by **all** pupils as it represents our core uniform:

School shirt (white or black but must button appropriately for a tie)

Black trousers (not jeans) or skirt

School tie

Blazer

Black/dark footwear (school shoes)

Official WHS PE Kit - black t-shirt and shorts/bottoms

Appropriate school bag

The following may be worn: Plain (non-branded) black school jumper or cardigan (school style so that tie is visible)

# Not Allowed

The following items are not allowed in school. We very much appreciate your support in ensuring that young people do not wear these:

All hooded tops and labelled jumpers etc. must be removed in the school building;

'Converse style' canvas trainers or coloured sports trainers are not appropriate footwear for school and we would ask that pupils do not wear these;

Baseball caps and other hats should be taken off in the school building;

Denim and tracksuit tops and bottoms are not allowed - these are not appropriate for school.



# **Expectations & Consequences**

# **Expectations**

We expect a great deal of our young people at Wallace High School. We expect the highest standards of effort, conduct, courtesy, work and dress. We also wish for pupils to participate in school life and to <u>enjoy</u> their time at school.

# We wish for a POSITIVE ATTITUDE to be evident when pupils are in school or doing work for school.

In Wallace High, a positive attitude to school is <u>much</u> <u>more important than individual ability</u> but a positive attitude only exists if it is <u>evident</u>.

Evidence of a **positive attitude** will be:

- wearing the full school uniform;
- keeping all jotters and folders graffiti-free;
- attending punctually;
- working hard on classwork and homework.

## Consequences

Breaking any of our school rules will have consequences depending on the gravity and/or frequency of the action. Some examples are:

- 1. verbal reprimand
- 2. detention (interval or start of lunch)
- 3. withdrawal of privileges (e.g. clubs/discos/trips etc.)
- 4. referral to a Faculty Manager
- 5. parents being contacted
- 6. referral to a Depute Head Teacher
- 7. referral to the Head Teacher
- 8. parents being asked to come up to school
- 9. exclusion from school

# **Specific Rules**

Certain rules are taken for granted in Wallace High.

## All pupils at Wallace High must:

- attend school regularly and on time;
- take care of their own health & safety;
- do nothing to jeopardise others' health & safety;



- behave appropriately at all times in and around school and on transport to and from school;
- show respect for teachers, other members of staff, other pupils and visitors;
- accept the authority of all staff in school;
- keep the school litter and graffiti free;
- take care of books, jotters and other materials & carry them in a suitable bag;
- use mobile phones appropriately & only at intervals / lunchtimes (unless for educational use);
- behave appropriately when leaving the school and going into the local community at lunchtimes.

#### Special Notes

The changing nature of the influences on young people now makes it necessary for us to clarify our school's policy on certain aspects of teenage life. During their time in school pupils' focus must be on learning, sustaining effort and adopting a positive attitude.

#### Personal Relationships

In school we expect all pupils to adhere to appropriate personal contact and to refrain from overly familiar and inappropriate physical contact.

#### Personal Items

Expensive jewellery, personal electronic equipment (such as iPods, game consoles, mobiles) are brought to school at the individual's risk. Neither the school nor the education authority carries insurance for loss, theft or damage to such items. Phones and iPods etc. are only ever permitted in class for educational use and will be confiscated if used without permission. Texting, Facebook & Websites

There has been a disturbing rise in the number of issues that have surfaced in school as a result of pupils texting and using sites such as Facebook inappropriately. Pupils should ensure that issues caused or exacerbated by such activities are <u>not</u> brought into school. They should also be aware that <u>malicious</u> use of such communications can result in criminal prosecution. <u>School Transport</u>

Transport companies have the responsibility to ensure that journeys to and from school are safe and comfortable. **Pupils whose behaviour on school buses is a threat to the safety and comfort of others could be permanently excluded from accessing school transport.** This also applies to smoking which, on public transport, is an offence.



# Our Curriculum

At Wallace High School we have fully embraced Curriculum for Excellence with a diverse, personalised Broad General Education (S1-3) followed by a rich, challenging Senior Phase (S4-6). The information on the following pages summarises our curriculum as learners move through each stage but we would welcome contact from any parent who wishes to discuss further the personal options available to *their* child. Fuller descriptors on all elements of the curriculum and Faculty subject areas are available under the 'Curriculum' tab on our website, as is our detailed *Curriculum Guide for Parents*.

# The Broad General Education (S1-3)

Following on from our primary transition work, students study across the full range of curricular areas in S1-3 (detailed period allocations are provided on the following page) before they make key choices regarding National Examination subjects for S4. There is progressive challenge and rigorous formative and summative assessment as they move through S1-2 and into S3, with increased subject specialist input as they prepare for the Nationals. Pupils can expect to develop core skills and depth of knowledge that is increasingly taught in *real* contexts and with an emphasis on interdisciplinary learning and transferrable skills. Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing and Developing the Young Workforce remain key over-arching areas and pupils will all achieve a National level in Literacy and Numeracy by the end of S4.

# The Senior Phase (S4-6)

S4 remains the first stage where students will sit key SQA examinations and attempt to achieve core qualifications. Students will have the opportunity to gain certification in up to 7 Nationals (largely from levels 3-5), with all qualifications up to National 4 internally assessed and all qualifications at National 5 including a final examination. Pupils will have a full choice on what they study, with English and Mathematics compulsory, plus five additional subjects. This allows for continued breadth *or* real focus (for example, on Numeracy, Science and Technology subjects). In S5 and S6 pupils will progress onto the next level of National study or onto Higher and Advanced Higher courses that have been specially revised in light of Curriculum for Excellence. Students can study up to five subjects per year, with increased vocational and college options to support transition beyond school.

The SCQF Framework on page 20 illustrates progression and how new qualifications compare to older ones as pupils move through stages.



# Broad General Education (S1-3) 33 Period Week = 32 Class Periods + TG Time

CfE Area	Subject	Periods S1	Periods S2	Periods S3	Total S1-3	Notes
Languages	English	5	4	5	14	Includes elements of Expressive Arts: Drama/ Gaelic by extraction/ focus on core Literacy
Mathematics	Mathematics	5	4	5	14	Focus on core Numeracy and applied contexts throughout BGE
Technologies	Business/ ICT	1	1	2	4	Includes elements of Social Studies: Business/ Choice of Business or ICT for 2 periods as specialist subject in S3 – see below
Sciences	Science	4	4	4	12	Subject specialist input by rotation in S3
Social Studies	Social Studies	3	4	4	11	Includes elements of Sciences: Geography/ subject specialist input S3
Languages	Modern Languages	3	3	3		2 + 1 Languages focus centres on French and Spanish
Religious & Moral Ed.	RMPS	1	1	1	3	Core RMPS work in BGE supports HWB messages and leads to award in S4
Health & Wellbeing	HWB: Life Skills	1	1	1	3	Supplemented by faculty inputs, assemblies & guest speakers
Health & Wellbeing	PEPAS	2	3	3	8	Includes elements of Expressive Arts: Dance/ School of Sport by extraction
Health & Wellbeing	Home Economics	1	1	2	4	Includes elements of Technologies
Expressive Arts	Music	2	2	2	6	ICT/BUSINESS/ HE/MUSIC/ART/
Expressive Arts	Art & Design	2	2	2	6	DESIGN & ENGINEERING: Choice of 3 x subjects in S3. All
Technologies	Design and Engineering	2	2	2	6	with 2 periods. 6 periods in total for personalisation
Total		32	32	32	96	and choice pre Senior Phase options.

Senior Phase (Common Allocations - Multiple Personalised Options Available)

<u>S4:</u> Up to 7 subjects x 4 periods + 2 x core PE; 1 x RMPS; 1 x flexible period supporting positive destinations

<u>S5/6:</u> Up to 5 subjects x 6 periods + 1 x core PE & 1 x flexible period supporting positive destinations













# THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

















School of Sport At Wallace High School we are proud, since our official launch as a School of Sport in November 2012, to have evolved a model that promotes inclusion and participation at a school and community level, alongside elite performance and excellence. This has culminated in us receiving three national awards: the 2013 Sunday Mail and sportscotland School Award; and the sportscotland Gold Award in November 2015 and 2017. Our Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport structure and our pioneering School of Sport curricular model, indeed, promote values first, and everything else second. Since the launch of School of Sport our youngsters have engaged with many high profile sporting figures, including: Andy Murray, Sir Chris Hoy, Laura Trott, Robbie Renwick, Alan Lawson, Billy Stark, Rob Harley and Finn Russell. The BBC and Sky Sports News have also covered our commitment to values, effort and how this can lead to sporting excellence.

> The model is based upon a vision that sport can be the vehicle to inspire, engage and develop the cognitive and practical abilities of the Wallace community, which encompasses a genuinely comprehensive catchment area. The school has five thriving Schools of Sport: Football, Basketball, Rugby, Swimming and Dance. Pupils are released from traditional timetable requirements and receive specialised coaching for 3-5 hours per week from S1-3 as part of their personalised curriculum. The programme currently provides this specialist experience for c.180 pupils (roughly 1/3 of our junior school). All of these specialised programmes are in addition to the 2-3 hours of quality Physical Education these pupils receive as part of their day-to-day curriculum, and can only happen with the support of all staff.

> The collective nature of the School of Sport across Wallace High School is evident and themes such as Sports Nutrition, Psychology, Physiology and Exercise Science have been adopted by wider departments to facilitate inter-disciplinary learning across the curriculum, enriching the learning experiences of all pupils. Pupils involved in the programme have their academic progress monitored very closely throughout the year and weekly study clubs ensure that work missed due to participation in the programme can be caught up with to make sure learning in other curricular areas is completed to the highest standards. Crucially, participation in the School of Sport instills a discipline and commitment to study that has demonstrably impacted on achievement. In this respect, the School of Sport is genuinely transformative in its ability to impact on a young person's health and wellbeing, sporting ability and wider success.

> This premise, that promoting physical activity and sport can be life changing, is at the heart of our initiative. The University of Edinburgh has researched the impact of the School of Sport on the wider successes of our youngsters. Our team have presented at local and national sporting and educational conferences, including at venues such as Murrayfield. The most recent data collected shows that in S1-3 up to two-thirds of our young people are involved in an extra-curricular club offered by the school. These clubs are run by PEPAS staff, wider school colleagues and community partners. Such participation can only be positive for the physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing of the young people in our community.

# A Selection of Wider Achievements & Partnerships



Our annual Standards and Quality Report, available in full under the 'Publications' tab on our website, captures some of the wider achievements of our young people in the last year. A selection of these are summarised below to provide a flavour of the richness of the totality of a young person's experience at Wallace High.

#### **GO4SET and Engineering Education Scheme**

Our young people have performed outstandingly well across the curriculum at a host of national events in recent years. We are particularly proud of our young scientists who, in the past three years, have reached national finals at junior (GO4SET) and senior stages (EES) and came first nationally for two of the last three sessions in the Engineering Education Scheme challenge.

#### Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Award has been offered in the school for a number of years but numbers are particularly high now, with continued interest in the award. The award consists of four sections: Skill, Physical/Sport, Volunteering and Expedition. All pupils learn navigation as part of their Bronze expedition training which most use as their skill, but music and drama are also very popular. The volunteering section has developed a variety of skills and evidenced dedication from pupils in supporting others. Examples include: riding for the disabled; helping in Sunday School and youth groups; community gardening projects; and coaching. The expedition section has allowed pupils to demonstrate planning, perseverance and teamwork. Total participation across groups from S3 upwards is significant and includes awards for Ochil House pupils annually. This is a significant achievement for all involved.

#### Prudential Partnership

This initiative focuses on enhancing the employability opportunities for a group of young people from S3 upwards who are studying for the National Progression Award in Enterprise and Employability at SCQF level 4 or working as part of our 'wider issues' team. These workstreams involve a team of partners from Prudential who visit Wallace High School regularly to engage with the young people and have allowed our youngsters to work on community projects and visit Prudential HQ to work in a 'real' context. Our partnership is a greatly valued in the context of our work on Developing the Young Workforce.

#### The list goes on...

...our Ochil House students engaged in projects such as Green Routes and the Enterprise Christmas 'Stop 'N Shop'; pupils enjoy the annual Shakespeare Schools Festival; European Day of Languages events; Christmas and Spring Concerts; Maths Challenges; SALTERS, Arichi, Go4Set and STEM Science projects and events; Social Subjects Lake District, Aberfoyle and Museum of Scotland excursions; RMPS Samye Ling and Auschwitz experiences and Modern Languages Spanish excursion. That is not to mention the whole school effort that culminates in our School Show (last session: *Hairspray* and *Mary Poppins* this year) and events such as our Sponsored Walk and Winter Fayre.









# SQA Attainment 2017/18

# Overall Attainment: Cumulative Average Total Tariff Points











"Against traditional measures, we had a very strong performance this session. Our S4 Nationals figures, indeed, convey 42% of pupils achieving 5 awards at National 5 level – our second highest on record. Our figures for pupils achieving one, three and five Highers (26% - our highest on record for the second consecutive year), indeed, remain above historical comparator averages and convey sustained, improved performance across stages."

The bar graphs on this page capture overall attainment for the past session from the Insight government data hub that allows schools to evaluate performance more holistically than before. On this page, we can evaluate where our year groups sit (pre-February update to capture additional qualifications and any National 4 back-capture) in relation to comparator schools and the national picture.

Wallace is in orange; the virtual comparator school in grey (the most important measure as it places Wallace pupils against the same make-up nationally); the Stirling average in blue (not massively helpful as the school free meal equivalence in Stirling varies from almost 2% to 18%); and the national figure in red. The S4 figure captures attainment for the full year group in this session and the S5 and S6 tables capture cumulative attainment as pupils progress through each stage.

As we can see, for S4-S6, Wallace has performed consistently against comparator and national averages at each stage, with a focus on improvement for the 'lowest 20%' in S4 and S5 required (with some accreditation still to come in the February figures and the excellent work of our Wallace Hub beginning to impact here for the session ahead). In S6, we have shown very strong improvement across all measures and so, for the majority of our pupils, at point of leaving, they exceed virtual comparator across levels.

All of the above is underpinned by us sustaining **attendance** statistics at **over 91%** for the fourth year running (**91.26%** for 2016/17).

Please note that 'Average Total Tariff Score' is only one of four key dashboard measures that are utilised to evaluate school performance under the INSIGHT system. For a full evaluation of our school performance, in its widest sense, please access our 'Standards and Quality Report' under the 'Publications' tab of our Website at: www.wallacehigh.org.uk

# Statutory and Other Information

# ATTENDANCE

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

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

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

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

Regular attendance scans are undertaken by the management team. When a child's attendance drops below 90%, parents will be notified by letter and asked to come in to talk to the Pupil Support Principal Teacher; Link DHT; or Head Teacher about how best to support your child's progress.

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

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

# **CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING**

All children in Scotland have the right to be protected from abuse or neglect. Schools and nurseries play an important role in the prevention of abuse and neglect through creating and maintaining safe learning environments and teaching children and young people about staying safe from harm and how to speak up if they have worries or concerns. Schools and nurseries have identified child protection coordinators with a remit to promote safeguarding and a responsivity to act when aware of a child protection concern. If you are concerned a child or young person is at risk of abuse or neglect, you can contact school, police or phone children's services on 01786 471177.

# **CLOTHING GRANTS**

Some families may be eligible for clothing grants. Application forms can be obtained from Stirling Council, tel 01786 233210 or downloaded from the Council website at: <u>http://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/education-and-learning/childcare,-school-and-educational-grants/schools-clothing-grants-and-vouchers</u>. Please take your completed application form, along with the documents requested, to your nearest local office, or Customer First, Port Street, Stirling or post to Stirling Council, Teith House, Kerse Road, Stirling, FK7 7QA.

## COMPLAINTS

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

## Who can complain?

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

#### What can't I complain about?

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

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

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

We have a two-stage complaints procedure.

## **Stage One - Frontline resolution**

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

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

#### Stage Two – Investigation

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

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

## When using Stage Two:

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

After we have fully investigated your Stage Two complaint, if you are still dissatisfied with our decision or the way we dealt with your complaint you can ask the <u>Scottish Public Services Ombudsman</u> (SPSO) to look at it. The SPSO cannot normally look at:

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

#### EQUALITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Following any prejudice-based incident, schools are required to report their investigations and outcomes to the local authority for monitoring purposes.

#### Anti-bullying and Positive Relationships

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

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

# INCLUSION

## **Additional Support Needs**

All children get help with their learning.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Independent Advice**

Enquire are a Scottish advice service providing help and information. All advice given is independent and impartial. Contact the Enquire Helpline on 0345 123 2303.

Enquire also has two websites, one for parents, carers and professionals and one for children and young people.

Let's Talk helps parents of children with additional support needs who may require support in relation to a dispute or potential dispute with an education authority. The service can be used by anyone who has a right to make a reference to the Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland.

My Rights, My Say is a children's service which provides advice and information, advocacy support, legal representation and a service to seek children's views independently about their support.

## **INSURANCE INFORMATION**

#### 1 Public Liability

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

## **Pupils' Property**

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

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

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

## 2 Personal Accident/Travel Cover – Educational Excursions

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

A brief summary of the cover is as follows:

Persons Covered:	Organisers, participants, members, employees and others on excursions or trips organised by or under the auspices of the Council.
When Covered:	While participating in any activity organised by or on behalf of the Council beyond the limit of the school grounds.

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

#### SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

The School Health Service can be contacted at:

Area Community Child Health Department Stirling Royal Infirmary Livilands Stirling FK8 2AU Telephone: 01786 434059

#### **Infectious Diseases**

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

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

## Head Lice

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

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

If lice are found, all family members and close friends of your child should be checked. Treatment should only happen if live lice are found. You should advise others of this possible problem in the same way as you would tell family and friends about other infections which might affect them.

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

#### SCHOOL MEALS

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

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

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

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

Menus and current prices can be viewed on the Council's website at http://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/education-and-learning/schools/schools-catering.

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

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

Some families may be eligible for free school meals. An application form is available from the school or can be printed from the Council's website at: https://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/education-and-learning/schools/school-grants.

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

#### TRANSPORT

Stirling Council provides free transport to children who live more than two miles from their catchment school.

Further information is available on the Stirling Council website at: <a href="http://www.stirling.gov.uk/services/education-and-learning/schools/schools-travel-and-trips/schools-transport">http://www.stirling.gov.uk/services/education-and-learning/schools/schools-travel-and-trips/schools-transport</a>.

#### UNEXPECTED CLOSURES

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

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

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

#### **DIGITAL LEARNING**

#### **Digital Tools for Learning and Teaching**

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

#### **Core Digital Services**

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

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

#### **Digital Services Requiring Consent**

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

## EDUCATION STATISTICS PRIVACY NOTICE

#### Annual Data Check

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

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

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

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

#### **Transferring Educational Data About Pupils**

The Scottish Government and its partners collect and use information about pupils in schools (e.g. the number and characteristics of pupils, their attendance, absence and exclusions, their attainment and their 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 (1998). 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.

#### PRIVACY NOTICE FOR THE USE OF G SUITE AND FOR DIGITAL LEARNING

#### What is personal data?

In schools and nurseries, we handle various kinds of **personal data**. "Personal data" relates to any information relating to an identifiable person. The processing of personal data is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act (2018).

#### Who is the data controller?

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

#### Why are we processing your personal data?

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

#### We will collect the following data:

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

We will use your personal data for the following purposes:

Enabling the use of digital learning and teaching tools.

#### What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

Public Task

#### Sharing your personal data

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

#### How long do we keep your personal data?

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

#### Your rights regarding your personal data

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

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

#### **Further processing**

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

#### **Contact details**

Stirling Council: Schools, Learning and Education Stirling Council Data Protection Officer: Kevin O'Kane - <u>dataprotection@stirling.gov.uk</u> Information Commissioner's Office Helpline - 0303 123 1113 Email - <u>casework@ico.org.uk</u> Website (including contact form and live chat) - https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/

#### PRIVACY NOTICE FOR THE USE OF SERVICES WITHIN GLOW FOR DIGITAL LEARNING

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We will collect the following data:

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

We will use your personal data for the following purposes:

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

#### What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

Public Task

#### Sharing your personal data

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

#### How long do we keep your personal data?

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

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#### PARENTZONE

Parentzone Scotland is a unique website for parents and carers in Scotland, from early years to beyond school. The website provides up-to-date information about learning in Scotland, and practical advice and ideas to support children's learning at home in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and science.

Information is also available on Parentzone Scotland regarding additional support needs, how parents can get involved in their child's school and education. Furthermore, the website has details about schools including performance data for school leavers from S4-S6; and links to the national, and local authority and school level data on the achievement of Curriculum for Excellence levels.

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



# Information and advice on education and learning for parents in Scotland

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



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



education.gov.scot/parentzone

#### ENROLMENT ARRANGEMENTS: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION IN 2018

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

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

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

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

#### **Gaelic Medium Provision**

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

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

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

#### Placing Requests for Session 2019/2020

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

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

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

#### **Schools Information**

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

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



# **GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD**

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

# Key elements of GIRFEC are:

- Wellbeing
- Child's Plan
- Named Person

## Wellbeing

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

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

## **Named Person**

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

# Child's Plan

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

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

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



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