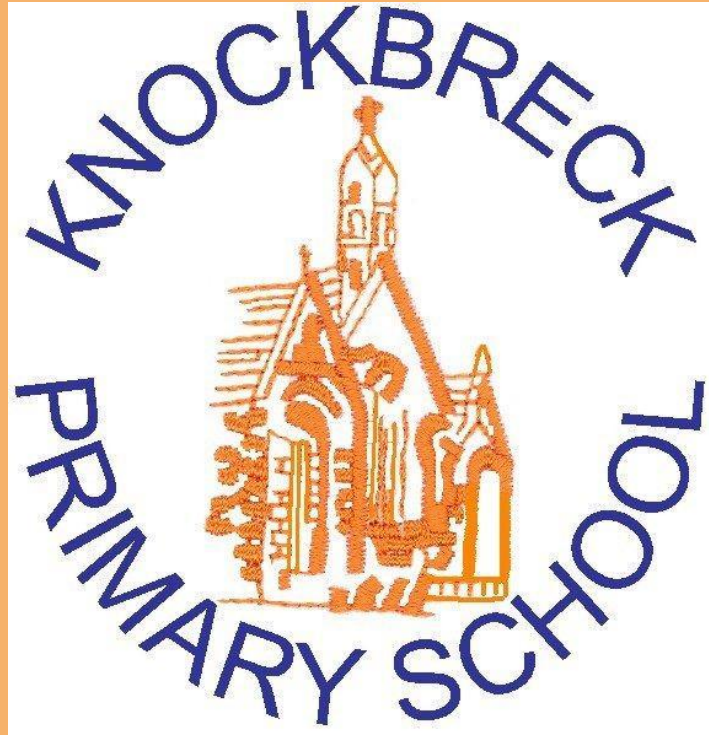


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# Head Teacher's Letter



Dear Parent / Guardian

Let me extend to you a warm welcome to Knockbreck Primary School. The information contained in this handbook is aimed at introducing you to the school, its educational provision and any information you require for the welfare of your child at school.

In the event of you still being uncertain about anything regarding the school please don't hesitate to contact the secretary who will be more than willing to answer any of your questions. The secretary is available Monday - Thursday and Friday morning and full policy statements are available from the school. [Authority Policies](#)

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read this brochure. The school staff look forward to a happy and successful partnership in the future with you and your child.

The Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement plan are available on request, from the school office, although a parent friendly copy has been shared.

**If you should have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address below.**

Yours Sincerely

Jane Mackay

Head Teacher

[\(Jane.Mackay2@highland.gov.uk\)](mailto:Jane.Mackay2@highland.gov.uk)

## School Information

General School Information

Knockbreck Primary School

Ankerville Street

Tain

IV19 1BL

Telephone (01862) 89 2272

School Email Id: [knockbreckr&cprimary@highland.gov.uk](mailto:knockbreckr&cprimary@highland.gov.uk)

Office: [Jane.Ross@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.Ross@highland.gov.uk)

School Website: [:https://sites.google.com/tainroyalacademy.net/knockbreck/home](https://sites.google.com/tainroyalacademy.net/knockbreck/home)

## **Crossing Patrol Times**

The crossing patrol lady will be on duty during the following times at Knockbreck Road:

8.35am - 9.05am

12.15pm - 1.30pm

2.30pm - 3.25pm

There is no crossing patrol at Gower Street. Parents are asked to ensure that their children are familiar with the rules of road safety and are expected to always cross with the patrols on the way to and from school, and to follow instructions given by the patrol.

## School Roll for Session 2024-2025

P1 - 18

P1/2 - 23

P3 - 21

P4 - 24

P5 - 22

P6 - 24

P7 - 25

## School Hours

9.00am - 12.30pm

12.15 - 1pm (Lunch P1-3)

12.45 - 1.30pm (Lunch P4-7)

1.00pm - 2.30pm P1 - 3

1.30pm - 3.00pm P4 - 7

In the event of an early closure, you will be notified in advance by letter/email. In the event of an emergency you will be contacted by telephone.

If you are not available at the time your 'emergency contact' number will be used.

## School Uniform

The policy of the school is that children are expected to wear school uniform, as it promotes a feeling of school unity and discourages bullying on account of designer labels.

Knockbreck Primary School colours are:

Sweatshirts and cardigans

Bottle Green

Trousers and skirts

Black



Polo Shirts / Blouses

Light Blue

School sweatshirts & polo shirts with an embroidered logo are available from Macregors Schoolwear based in Inverness and Fiona Jupp based in Tain. You will find Fiona's shop just off Geanies Street, 2 Ross Street, in Tain and also at <https://tainprintandembroidery.com/>

### **Macgregor Schoolwear**

15-17 Henderson Road,

Longman Industrial Estate,

Inverness,

IV1 1SN

01463 277755

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[www.macgregorschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.macgregorschoolwear.co.uk)

### **School Calendar**

<https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school-term-dates>

## NICE TO MEET YOU ALL

### Staff

Head Teacher Jane Mackay

Acting Depute Head/ASN teacher Greg Humble

P1 Teachers Carolyn Munro/Sarah McVicar

P1/2 Teacher Stacey Laughlin/Bryony Campbell

P3 Teacher Amanda Mackenzie

P4 Teacher Linda Fraser

P5 Teacher Lorna Morgan

P6 Teacher Morven Macleod

P7 Teacher Katy Orwin

PE Teacher Norma Swanson

Clerical Jane Ross

P.S.A's Jane Chisholm, Jackie  
Macdonald, Lisa Stewart, Sharon Bannerman, Natalie  
Robbins, Laura Miller, Ebony Robbins, Olivia Macleod

EYP	Shirley Pryde
Playground Supervisor	Jackie Duff
FM	Alan Mohan
Lollipop	Jackie Duff
Canteen Staff	Susan Greenlees, Sandra Stewart.
Cleaners	Ann-marie Watson
Music Instructors	Debbie Ross
	Lyndsay Bolton
	Mark Bell and Niall Mathieson

## **ATTENDANCE/ABSENCE**

Good attendance is vital if pupils are to achieve their full potential. But if a pupil is absent from school, a parent or guardian should phone the school on the first day of absence, on the absence line 01862 890910. When returning to school after an absence, the parent or guardian must give written reason for the time absent.

Permission to leave during the school day: If a pupil needs to leave during the school day for an appointment etc, pupils need to bring with them a note from their parent or guardian. Pupils must report to the school reception and 'sign out', if returning the same day, they must report again to the reception and sign in. Where at all possible, medical and dental appointments should be made out with school hours.

If pupils fall ill during the day, parents are contacted for them to collect their child, therefore it is essential that we have up to date day time contact numbers and emergency contact numbers for all pupils.



Schools are required to keep an attendance register by law. We have a responsibility for the care and welfare of all pupils during the school day therefore need to know the whereabouts of absent pupils.

When parents are considering whether or not to remove their children from school for a family holiday, they should be aware that such a decision:

- will result in a significant loss in classroom experience;
- will result in a pressure to 'catch up' on missed work by pupils;
- could result in pupils missing assessments with consequential impact on pupils and teachers;
- could result in the loss of curricular activities;
- will affect school attendance records and efforts to raise standards of attendance;
- under the guidance issued at a national level, most family holidays will be coded as unauthorised absence, only in exceptional cases will the absence be recorded as authorised.

In conclusion, we would ask parents to be aware of these considerations when making decisions on planning holidays during term time. We have enclosed a link to the school term dates on the Highland Council website to aid parents in planning any holidays they may be considering

[https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school\\_term\\_dates](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school_term_dates)

If parents decide to make holiday arrangements during school term, this should be confirmed in writing to the Head Teacher.

## **COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS FOR SERVICE**

If a parent has any concerns they should contact their child's Named Person in the first instance, [Jane.Mackay2@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.Mackay2@highland.gov.uk). (this will usually be the Head Teacher in a primary school and Guidance Teacher in a secondary school) or the Senior Management Team for more serious issues.

The school will always endeavour to resolve issues by listening to parents and seeking solutions in partnership. Should a situation not be resolved, parents can contact the Area Manager, Mhairi Macdonald by emailing [Mhairi.Macdonald@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Mhairi.Macdonald@highland.gov.uk)

Please note that transport is not a school responsibility and any queries should be addressed to the Transport Development Officer, Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX, or [public.transport@highland.gov.uk](mailto:public.transport@highland.gov.uk).

## **SCHOOL PLACING REQUESTS - PARENTAL CHOICE**

Each school serves its own particular catchment area. Pupils whose homes are located in that area will have priority in being allocated a place in the school. However, parents have the right to specify the school in which they wish to place their child. Applications are made to the Area Education and Learning Manager .

Placing request applications are made online at:

[https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/887/enrol\\_your\\_child\\_for\\_school/2](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/887/enrol_your_child_for_school/2)

Transportation to and from school, for placing request pupils, is a parental responsibility.

If pupils live outside the school catchment area and their parents wish them to attend Knockbreck Primary School they can contact Jane Ross, in the office, to arrange a visit.

Parents of children with additional support needs, (including those that have Coordinated Support Plans) can make placing requests to any school in Scotland

including schools outside of the local authority area they live in. All appeals about placing requests to special schools will be referred to the Additional Support Needs Tribunal.

## **PARENTS/GUARDIANS/CARERS AS PARTNERS**



We believe that much of the strength of the school lies in the positive relationships between staff, pupils and their parents. These relationships must be nurtured by a healthy exchange of information between teachers and pupils, between home and school. We always welcome parental interest in the welfare of our pupils. Whatever the nature of the issue, you can be assured of our help.

The school works very hard to keep parents informed regarding their child's progress and any key decisions being made about their education. This includes:

- Parents' evenings
- Progress checks
- Target Setting
- Course choice/ Options evenings
- Information on the school website

The support of parents in their children's education is key to the success of young people. Taking time with them, discussing work, practicing language, helping them manage their homework and encouraging responsibility are important ways of supporting children's learning.

The school always seeks to involve parents in any key decisions about their child's education and keep parents informed about progress.

Parental information is obtained from questionnaires issued regularly at Parents evenings and from Parent Forums.

Parent Council is a group of parents selected to represent all parents of children at the school. Any parent who wishes to raise an issue for the Parent Council to consider can do so by contacting Kirsteen Reekie, Chair of the Parent Council by emailing her at [knockbreck.primarymid@highlandpc.co.uk](mailto:knockbreck.primarymid@highlandpc.co.uk)

Useful information for parents and how to get involved in your child's education, how to support the school, information on curriculum developments can all be found at Parentzone: <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/>

### School Ethos

We promote pupil achievements through our 'We are Proud of you Wall', school assemblies as well as pupil profiles. All pupils are part of our citizen groups, which include: Eco Group, Health and Well-being, Rights Respecting Schools, Community Group, Friendship Group in conjunction with St Duthus Special School, Digital Leaders and School Improvement Group.

Positive Behaviour Policy

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1q2pA-PDYcLD6n8-W5J4rQ4V3hpZcWXIK/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107520079351228582449&rtpof=true&sd=true>

[https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/19358/anti\\_bullying\\_-\\_guidance\\_for\\_schools](https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/19358/anti_bullying_-_guidance_for_schools)



### Our Vision Statement

Knockbreck Primary

## Motto - RESPECT

(Resilience, Enthusiasm, Self-Motivation, Perseverance, Equality, Commitment, Togetherness)

Together, as well as recognised achievement for all - these things make Knockbreck GREAT.

## Vision

*At Knockbreck Primary School we will create a welcoming ethos where everyone feels happy and included. Every child will have opportunities to learn and find success by being supported and challenged appropriately, to allow them to do so in a safe and nurturing environment.*

## Values

To be respectful

To be honest

To have enthusiasm for learning

To enjoy a challenge

To make the most of all the opportunities available

To be **'Happy to be yourself'**

## Aims

Ensure our pupils have the ability to be effective learners and take ownership of their learning

Ensure children have the confidence to take risks, in their education

Develop a sense of personal responsibility and encourage high standard of behaviour

Help children learn to celebrate their achievements, recognise individual success and to develop resilience

Celebrate and nurture the children's diversity, provide equality of opportunities and ensure they are aware of their rights and responsibilities.

### **School Improvement**

This year we will be focussing on the following key priorities:

1. Highland Progressions
2. Moderation and Assessment
3. Ethos moving towards 3-18 Campus

The Standards and Quality report and school improvement plan are available from the school office on request. A parent friendly version has been shared.

In the past year we have worked on improvement projects designed to help us to address the priorities listed above. Our School Improvement Plan for session 22/23 contains details of what we planned to do. This included the way that we used resources such as the Pupil Equity Fund to close the deprivation-linked attainment gap.

Useful resources and information for parents

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-and-review/find-an-inspection-report/find-an-inspection-report/>

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/>

Our Standard and Quality Report from last session is available on the school website.

## **Homework**

Homework is an aspect of children's work, which helps to foster links between home and school, which in turn develops the partnership between parents and teachers. This partnership is very important in raising children's attainment. The school issues a guide to homework yearly. If class work is unfinished pupils may be expected to take it home and complete it there.

### **Specific Purposes of Homework**

- Ø Allows practise and consolidation of work done in class.
- Ø Training for pupils in planning and organising time.
- Ø Encourages ownership and responsibility for learning.
- Ø Provides opportunities for individualised work.
- Ø Allows preparation for future class work.

### **Types of Homework**

- Ø Reading
- Ø Tables Practise.
- Ø Maths work associated with class work.
- Ø Basic Number Work.
- Ø Writing
- Ø Spelling
- Ø Research work for theme.

Practicing Fine/Gross Motor Skills

Playing and taking turns

### **Amount of Homework**

At Early Stages a child should spend about 10 minutes each week night on some form of reading activity and by Pr. 6 - 7 a child would be expected to spend about 30 minutes each week night on a variety of tasks.

Homework would not usually be issued over the weekend.

### **Role of Parents**

It is expected that parents will supervise and assist the children in their homework activities as and when appropriate because this gives parents a greater understanding of what, and how well, their children are doing. This may involve working through your child's High Quality Assessments with them while they complete their homework. This is an excellent way of keeping everyone informed about progress being made. Parents should always sign homework.

### **Parents' Meetings**

Parents are kept up-to-date with events both in and out of school with a termly newsletter and other notes when required.

Parents are invited to the school for Parents' Evenings twice a year. Appointments are made with parents and members of staff to discuss pupil progress at these times. Parents are also welcome to make appointments with staff at any time if they wish to discuss any particular problem.

Parents will also receive a learning snapshot in terms 1, 2 and 3 and an overview report in Term 4.



## Additional Support Needs

Class/Subject teachers, in conjunction with Additional Support Needs Teachers monitor the progress of pupils with additional support. The needs of such pupils are generally catered for within the normal curriculum but with specialist advice and support as required. If necessary, a child's plan may be put in place to help plan, organise, monitor and regularly review a child's progress. Parents and pupils will be involved in these procedures and in reviews. More information can be found about the Highland Council model for support and child's plans at:

[http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/230/highland\\_practice\\_model\\_-\\_delivering\\_additional\\_support\\_for\\_learners](http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/230/highland_practice_model_-_delivering_additional_support_for_learners)

[http://www.highland.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/11/co-ordinated\\_support\\_plan](http://www.highland.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/11/co-ordinated_support_plan)

Sometimes a Children's Service Worker will be involved in supporting a child. A **Children's Service Worker** is often based at the school and will generally focus on more social and emotional needs rather than issues about the curriculum or classroom learning. They:

- work in collaboration with the support team in school
- work to support families in their own communities
- work with individual pupils and small groups - offering a further level of support

Parents/Carers will always be involved in discussions about any additional support being suggested for their child and any need that may be identified within the school.

Highland Council would seek to work in partnership with parents at all times, but sometimes you will have a concern that you don't feel is being addressed, or will want to talk to someone out with the school. Should you have any concerns that your child's additional needs are not being met, you should contact your child's named person in the first instance and/or the Head Teacher Jane Mackay by emailing [Jane.Mackay2@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.Mackay2@highland.gov.uk)

If your concerns continue, there are a number of means of resolving difficulties and disputes and information on this can be found at:

[http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/886/schools\\_-\\_additional\\_support\\_needs/1/support\\_for\\_learners](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/886/schools_-_additional_support_needs/1/support_for_learners)

### **Progress**

Parents wishing to enquire about a pupil's progress or have concerns about their progress are invited to get in touch with Jane Mackay the Headteacher.

### **Useful websites.**

[Support for Learners Website](#)

<http://enquire.org.uk/>

<http://forhighlandschildren.org/>

## **Multi-Cultural and Anti-Racist Education**

The school:

∅ is opposed to all forms of prejudice and discrimination;

∅ provides equality of opportunity through its ethos and working practices;

∅ promotes understanding and respect for other people's cultural identity and beliefs;

∅ aligns itself with the Education Service's "Anti-racist and Multi-cultural Guidelines for Primary Schools' (2005) and has an appointed Race Equality Co-ordinator.

## **The Curriculum**

Since 2010 schools across Scotland have begun to implement Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) and the new curriculum has eight areas (Expressive Arts, Health and Wellbeing, Language, Mathematics, Religious and Moral Education, Sciences, Social Studies, and Technologies) which broadly reflect the previous 5-14 curricular areas. However, there are new levels which most children are expected to achieve:

**Early level** -The pre-school years and P1, or later for some.

**Level 1** - To the end of P4, but earlier or later for some.

**Level 2** - To the end of P7, but earlier or later for some.

**Level 3 and 4** - S1 to S3, but earlier for some. The fourth level broadly equates to Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework level 4.



**Level 4** experiences and outcomes are means of study intended to provide possibilities for choice and young peoples' programmes will not include all of the fourth level outcomes.

**Senior Phase** - S4 to S6, and college or other

Each curricular area comes with experiences and outcomes which teachers plan to, and will, assess pupils against. There is the expectation that learning experiences for children will be 'richer' and more interactive, with pupils being engaged in their own learning to a higher degree. There will also be more crossovers amongst curricular areas to achieve outcomes so that connections can be made between different areas of learning.

Numeracy, Literacy and Health and wellbeing over arch all experiences and outcomes planned for children.

Also included in CfE are:

7 Principles: challenge, breadth, progression, depth, personalisation and choice, coherence and relevance.

4 Values: wisdom, justice, compassion and integrity.

4 Capacities: successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

4 Cross Cutting Themes: sustainability, enterprise, creativity and citizenship.

4 Aspects/Contexts: interdisciplinary learning, life and ethos of school in community, opportunities for personal achievement, curriculum, creation and subjects.

At Knockbreck, teachers' planning now reflects the new curriculum and pupils are more actively involved in their own learning; setting their own success criteria for many lessons then peer and self assessing the work undertaken.

Pupils are actively encouraged to participate and take responsibility in the life of the school through the Pupil Council, School Nutrition Action Group, Eco Committee and becoming Junior Road Safety Officers. Pupil views are also sought when reviewing and updating school policies.

For many years the school has been very involved in Enterprise Education which is not only cross curricular, but provides a rich learning context using real life skills. Citizenship is also promoted in Knockbreck with pupils engaging in fundraising for many charities.

## **Language**

Language is the principle medium of learning and instrument of thought and is basic and essential to all other areas of the curriculum. During their years at Knockbreck Primary pupils are given frequent opportunities for oral expression through the use of poetry, drama, debating, informal discussion and storytelling, and all pupils are encouraged to produce quality writing in a variety of forms - diary, note taking, reporting, letter writing, storytelling etc. through a structured writing programme.

Reading is carried out in line with the 'Highland Literacy Project' method which involves the children in seeing the reading writing connection a lot earlier and places more emphasis on reading for pleasure as well as information. The core

reading materials at the lower stages of the school are Oxford Reading Tree. Later, Collins 'Big Cats' are introduced and chapter books/novels by the upper stages. The school has an extensive library which the children use to select their own personal reading from.

In line with government policy French is taught to pupils from Primary 1 right through to Primary 7. Simple phrases, basic vocabulary and numbers are introduced. Some written work is undertaken, but the emphasis is on the spoken language and pronunciation. Games, songs and drama are used to make learning a foreign language an enjoyable experience and so giving a positive attitude for later development. Pupils from P4 upwards will also be introduced to some basic French vocabulary.

Children will be introduced to Scots through its place in the culture and heritage of Scotland with opportunities to explore and try it out.

## **Mathematics**



Numeracy (being skilled with numbers and maths and their application to life) as well as being taught systematically through a Maths programme is also embedded in learning activities where math skills are paramount such as in a finance project. To encourage numerical thought, Problem Solving is taught at all stages of the school weekly, with pupils actively engaged in reflection and dialogue in solving a variety of problems. Real life problems are encountered in many of the enterprise activities undertaken.

## **Health and Wellbeing**

Health and wellbeing include such areas as physical education, food, health, substance misuse, parenthood, sexual health, social and life skills. These topics are taught at an appropriate age and stage of a pupil's development through a variety of mediums including discussion, video, thematic work, visitors to school, drama and across all curricular areas. We use a Decider Skills programme across the school to teach all the children and school community ways to help with mental health and promote resilience.

The school endeavours to give each child 2 hours of physical education a week in line with government expectations. Some pupils also have swimming lessons at Tain Royal Academy. The school participates in all the local sporting events such as cross country, football tournaments, county sports etc. The school is supported in PE with specialist input.

### **Technologies**

The school is very well equipped to provide ICT (information communications technology) with a number of chrome books and I Pads already in the school. Pupils use various pieces of IT across the curriculum for recording progress in reading and assessment of collaborative work, the internet for research, powerpoint for presentation of work and graphic programmes for data handling in Maths.

Technologies also involve the children in the changing world, product design, ethical issues, energy and sustainability.

### **Social Studies**

This involves the pupils in learning about other people and their values. Broadly this covers people: past events and societies, place and environment and people

in society, economy and business. These are taught through a thematic approach and pupils' own interests and the questions they bring to school.

## **Science**

Central to science is the development of an enquiring mind into the physical and material world around, and how science works and influences the world we live in. At present the pupils at Knockbreck follow Highland Council's Programme for Science where it covers the experiences and outcomes of CfE. The Programme is delivered through a topic approach with the pupils engaged in a wide range of activities enabling them to grasp the language of science and its impact on society.

## **Religious and Moral Education**

Knockbreck Primary School undertakes its legal requirement to provide religious Education. Assemblies are led by one of the local ministers from the various denominations in the surrounding area or the Head Teacher. A joint Christmas service is held in the Parish Church with the other schools in the nearby town of Tain.

The Religious and Moral Education curriculum can be defined in three broad areas: Christianity, Other World Religions and Developments of Beliefs and Values. The aims of Religious and Moral Education are to help pupils to:

- Ø develop a knowledge and understanding of Christianity and other world religions and to recognise religion as an important expression of human experience;
- Ø appropriate moral values such as honesty, liberty, justice, fairness and concern for others;
- Ø investigate and understand the questions and answers that religions can offer about the nature and meaning of life;



Ø develop their own beliefs, attitudes, moral values and practices through a process of personal search, discovery and critical evaluation.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from religious education if they so wish.

## **Expressive Arts**

Within CfE, Expressive Arts covers the four main areas of music, dance, art and design and drama.



### Music

Pupils have the opportunity to participate in music in a variety of ways within school allowing them to experience the inspiration and power of sound whether it's in the music from the shows, African drumming or simple rhythm and rhyme in the early stages.

The school works closely with Feis Rois to provide Gaelic and voice singing, penny whistle and instrumental music for the upper stages. The younger pupils have regular sessions throughout the year with the Kodaly vocal skills tutor. Strings tuition is also available for older children. The school also enjoys a range of visiting musicians to the school such as Gizzen Briggs, Jazz Band and members of Scottish Orchestra when undertaking school outreach work.

### Dance

Traditional Scottish dancing is taught to all senior pupils and the younger classes enjoy movement within their classroom lessons.

### Art and design

Art, in a variety of forms and mediums, is undertaken by all class teachers and pupils all have the opportunity to see their work displayed around the school.

Included in this is investigating how their artistic styles are reflected in manufacturing and industry.

## **Assessment and Record Keeping**

Assessment is geared towards establishing what the pupils have achieved

individually, and informing the next steps of their education. The evidence to provide these assessments is collected formally (summative assessment) and informally (formative assessment) over a period of time.

Assessment activities are identified at the planning stage of a block of work and may involve oral work, written work, observation of practical activities and self-assessment. All these methods of assessment may be carried out during the year and records kept to focus on what the pupil can do as well as establishing weaker areas. Through these various methods of assessment teachers and pupils diagnose strengths and weaknesses, and so are able to match work to the child's developments and needs.



Pupils' individual next steps are recorded in their profiles. These provide assessment information on individual pupils and allows everyone involved (pupil, teacher, and parent) to be fully informed allowing support or challenge where necessary. P5/ P6/P7 use electronic profiling.

Pupil reports are issued at the end of the year and relate to all aspects of the child's education as recommended by the Highland Council for all Highland Schools.

## **Transitions**

Pupils transitioning from nursery to Primary 1 will be supported with transition days, invites to sports day, tours of the school etc. Knockbreck Primary does not have its own nursery.

After Primary 7 our catchment secondary school is Tain Royal Academy. All pupils will be supported to transition to TRA through visits, tours of the school, visits to Primary by Secondary staff, Developing the Young Workforce day, ASG competitions etc.

Tain Royal Academy

Scotburn Rd

Tain

Head teacher Mr Gavin Maclean

01862 892121

#### Access to Pupil Records

The school pupil records (Scotland) Regulations 1990 extend to parents the right of access (with certain specific exceptions) to any record held by the Authority in relation to their child. Parents may make an application to the Head Teacher.

#### Data Protection Act 1998

Information on pupils, parents and guardians is stored on a computer system and may be used for teaching, registration, assessment and other administrative duties. The information is protected by the data Protection Act 1998 and may only be disclosed in accordance with the codes of practice. Further information can be obtained from <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed>

#### Transferring Educational data about pupils

The Scottish Government and its partners collect and use information about pupils through the *Pupil Census* 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 the 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, the Scottish Government will not publish or make publicly available any information that allows individual pupils to be identified, nor will data be used by the 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 the Scottish Government.

The individual data collected by the Scottish Government through the Pupil Census is used for statistical and research purposes only.

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/SchoolEducation>

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 academic institutions and organisations to carry out additional research and statistical analysis to meet their own official responsibilities. Any sharing of data will be done under the strict control of the Scottish Government, and will be consistent with our data policy. This will ensure that no individual level data will be made public as a result of the data sharing and that this data will not be used to take any actions in respect of an individual. Decisions on the sharing of data will be taken in consultation with relevant colleagues and individuals within and outside the 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 at [ScotXed@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ScotXed@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or write to The ScotXed Support Office, Area 2D, Victoria Quay, Leith, EH6 6QQ. Alternative

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

## **School Meals**

School meals are available to all children. P1-4 children will be entitled to a free school meal. Lunches are cooked in Craighill Primary School and are delivered daily to the school. The children can pre order the meal through a google form which is emailed out on a Friday.



Dinner money is paid every Monday morning, and costs £2.30 per day. The meals may be paid either in cash or by cheque made payable to, *Highland Council*

Regardless of the method of payment, money must be sent to the school in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the amount of money enclosed clearly written on the envelope. We would also very much appreciate the correct amount of money being sent.

The arrangements for school meals, eligibility criteria for free school meals, how to apply. [https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/9/school\\_meals](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/9/school_meals). NEW LINK

You could also provide details of breakfast clubs and after school care

The arrangements for school meals, eligibility criteria for free school meals, how to apply.

[https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/9/school\\_meals](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/9/school_meals). NEW LINK

## **Administration of Medicines**

National Guidance on the Administration of Medicines in Schools has been issued by the Scottish Government.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/supporting-children-young-people-healthcare-needs-schools/>



This guidance is based on a number of common principles that will be consistently applied when identifying, supporting and reviewing the healthcare needs of children and young people in Highland schools to enable them to make the most of their learning.

Under Article 24 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, all children have a right to the highest attainable standard of health and to health care services that help them attain this. Article 7 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities states that children with disabilities have the right to express their views freely on all matters affecting them. The arrangements for each individual will therefore take account of the health professionals' advice, the pupil's views and, where appropriate, their parent's views.

NHS Highland, Highland Council and school staff will work collaboratively to ensure that pupils receive the service they need in the way most appropriate to their personal circumstances.

We will work with pupils and parents/carers to support the healthcare in our school, making reasonable adjustments that children and young people with healthcare needs might need and require.

Where appropriate, we will make arrangements for staff providing healthcare to pupils to receive appropriate training from a health professional, or other accredited source in the care they are providing.

Assistance with intimate care may be needed by children in any school and this will be provided if required to support these needs quickly and with respect for children's privacy, dignity and rights.

### Administration of Medicines in School

In line with Highland Council policy, School staff can no longer administer non-prescribed medicines to pupils under any circumstances. This includes, for example, medicines such as Paracetamol (Calpol), Ibuprofen and Piriton, unless prescribed by a Doctor, Pharmacist or other recognised health professional and

delivered to school complete with the original pharmacy or dispensed label identifying:

Child's name

Date of dispensing

Name & strength of medicine

Dosage and the frequency

Expiry date

Quantity

Method of administration

Additional instructions

### Allergic Reactions

Children at risk of allergic reactions should have access to oral antihistamine in school (prescribed by a recognised health professional). Epipens are only required for anaphylaxis and a written protocol is in place for these pupils and will be reviewed at the start of each school year.

### Asthma

There is a form for parents to complete if your child uses an inhaler and you wish them to carry and administer their own prescribed medication, however, pupils will be supervised by staff when using their inhalers and children in

P1 - P3 will continue to have their inhalers kept in a labelled box in class.



## Minor injuries

School will only deal with minor cuts and bruises, these will be cleaned and a plaster applied. If your child is injured, falls or becomes unwell during the school day you or the emergency contact you have provided, will always be contacted and you may be advised to collect your child from school.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

Staff will support the emotional development and wellbeing of pupils through formal and informal curricular activities. Any concerns about a pupil's wellbeing can be discussed with the named person. There is a website managed by Highland Council that supports a variety of information relating to mental health and emotional wellbeing that can be accessed [here](#). Schools have access to Highland Council's Primary Mental Health Worker Service and consultation and advice may be sought if there are concerns that might require more targeted support. Counselling is also available for all pupils from age 10. Information on your school's service can be accessed from your child's guidance teacher. Alternately, there is a completely confidential, online counselling service called Kooth for children and young people from age 10 that can be accessed [here](#). Parents would generally be involved in discussions beforehand, however a young person over the age of 12 can ask for support themselves.

A Decider Skills Programme is used throughout the whole school to promote resilience and support the well-being of the whole school community.

## Adverse Weather Conditions/School Closure

There may be occasions when the school will have to have an emergency closure, e.g. in severe bad weather or because of electricity/water failure. Parents are asked to ensure that the school is kept up to date with telephone numbers and emergency contacts - addresses of relatives/friends to whom their child will be sent if they are unavailable. Every attempt will be made to contact parents but this may not always be possible therefore, if the school has to close early, children will be sent home or to their emergency contact. Please make certain they know who their contacts are.



When severe weather warnings are received, your school will endeavour to post updates on the School's Facebook page as well as emailing parents directly. This is an enhancement to the present service and does **not** replace existing methods of giving out information, such as radio broadcasts, described in the school's Adverse Weather Guidelines.

## **TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL DURING ADVERSE WEATHER**

It is the responsibility of parents or carers to decide if a pupil should attempt to travel to school, by transport or on foot, in adverse weather conditions. The Council encourages full attendance at school, but in severe weather conditions the safety of pupils is much more important. Parents and pupils are often concerned that important examinations may be missed, but this should not over-ride good judgement. Schools normally make alternative arrangements for missed examinations.

**The school updates its procedures for adverse weather closure annually, therefore**

- **parents** should advise schools of an alternative address, as close as possible to the school, which may be used by their children in emergencies
- **the school** will advise parents of normal local arrangements for school transport and any special arrangements in the event of adverse weather
- **the school** will establish a system of communication with parents and local transport operators and ensure that parents are fully informed of any revised arrangements

### **The Highland Council website**

The Council's webpage <https://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolclosures> will be updated with information for individual schools.

### **When weather conditions are poor**

**Local radio stations** issue news and weather bulletins on traffic conditions and school closures. Transmissions may not cover all households and may be subject to re-scheduling but should be helpful. Parents are advised to remain "tuned in" to ongoing road weather, or school information updates.

BBC Radio Highland | Nevis Radio | Lochbroom FM | Moray Firth Radio  
(<https://hellorayo.co.uk/mfr/>) | Radio Wester Ross

Please do not telephone local Radio for advice but listen to appropriate broadcasts.

### **For pupils using school transport**

- Parents should note that the final decision on whether it is safe to operate rests with the driver of the school transport vehicle. Therefore there may be occasions on which a school is open but some routes, or parts of routes, are unable to operate.
- Parents should advise their children on how long they should wait at the pick-up point for their transport. This will depend on the prevailing weather conditions and the availability of shelter at the pick-up point. During adverse weather conditions no pupil is expected to wait longer than twenty minutes past the normal “pick-up” time.
- Morning journeys may be delayed by an hour if road conditions are unsafe at the normal journey time but have improved within the hour. Before pupils return to a pick-up point parents should check for updated messages from their school. Please note that for some routes the transport operator may contact the parent directly.
- Drivers are advised not to drop off children where there is a risk that they may not safely reach home or other place of shelter. This may involve children being taken to an alternative place of safety, agreed in consultation with the school.
- Where parents are concerned about weather conditions at “drop-off” points, they should contact the school as early as possible

**Please note: when weather conditions are poor, parents should ensure that children are met at the “drop-off” point, especially where public service transport is used.**

## **PARENT COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS**

Lindsay Aitchison-Shah - Chairperson

Kayleigh-Ann Henderson - Secretary

Portia Abraham- Treasurer

knockbreckprimarytainpc@gmail.com

### **CONSTITUTION FOR PARENT COUNCIL**

#### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To work in partnership with the school to create an encouraging and welcoming environment for all parents
2. To encourage contact between the school, its pupils and all parents
3. To develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils
4. To identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils.

#### **NUMBER OF MEMBERS**

Membership of the Council will be a minimum of four and a maximum of eight parents of children attending the school. The Head Teacher automatically becomes a member.

#### **SELECTION OF MEMBERS AT AGM**

Any parents of a child at the school can volunteer to be a member of the Parent Council. In the event that the number of volunteers exceeds the number of places set out in the constitution, members will be selected by election (of those that have volunteered only). Anyone not selected to be a member of the Parent Council may be offered the opportunity to be part of any sub-groups set up by the Council.

## TERM OF OFFICE

Members of the Council will serve for a two-year period initially but have the option to stand for re-election.

## CO-OPTED MEMBERS

The Parent Council will invite two members of the Community to serve for a period of two years. These members may include a local councillor/teacher to ensure the Council is well informed of issues affecting the school. The Council may also invite certain people to their meetings where it is felt their expertise is pertinent to the proceedings.

## OFFICE BEARERS

If the Parent Council decides to have office bearers:

The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the Parent Council will be appointed by the Parent Council immediately following its formation.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting will be held in April of each year. A notice of the meeting including date, time and place will be sent to all members of the Parent Forum at least two weeks in advance. The meeting will include:

A report on the work of the Parent Council and its committees,

Selection of the new Parent Council

Discussion of any issues the Council wishes to raise

Approval of the accounts and appointment of the auditor

## WORKING PRACTICE

The Parent Council will meet at least once in every school term

Should a vote be necessary to make a decision, each parent member at the meeting will have one vote, with the Chair having a casting vote in the event of a tie.

Any two of the parent members of the Council can request that an additional meeting be held, and all members of the Parent Council will be given at least one week's notice of date, time and place of meeting.

If a Parent Council member acts in a way that is considered by other members to undermine the objectives of the Parent Council, their membership of the Council shall be terminated if the majority of the parent members agree. Termination of the membership would be confirmed in writing to the member.

## FUND RAISING

The Parent Council will be responsible to raise funds, apply for and receive grants, and accept gifts for the benefit of the school. The Friends of Knockbreck will exist as a committee of the Parent Council whose function would be to fund raise for the school. The group may contain members of the Parent Forum and others who are not members of the Council.

## NOTES OF MEETINGS

Copies of the minutes of all meetings will be available to all parents of children at Knockbreck Primary School. Copies will be posted on the School notice board for a period of two weeks after each meeting.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

Meetings of the Parent Council shall be open to all members of the Forum, unless the Council is discussing an issue, which it considers should be dealt with on a confidential basis. In such cases, only members of the Council and the Head Teacher can attend.

## FINANCE

The treasurer will open a bank or building society account in the name of the Parent Council for all funds. Withdrawals will require the signature of the Treasurer and one other Council member.

The Treasurer will keep an accurate record of all income and expenditure, and will provide a summary of this for each meeting, and a complete account for the annual meeting.

An Auditor should be agreed upon to reconcile accounts.

The Parent Council shall be responsible for ensuring that all monies are used in accordance with the objectives of the Council.

## CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION

The Parent Council may change its constitution after obtaining consent from members of the Parent Council. Members of the Council will be sent a copy of any proposed amendment and given reasonable time to respond to such.

## DISSOLUTION

Should the Parent Council cease to exist, any remaining funds will be passed to the named school to be used for the benefits of that school.

## **Volunteers**

Aside from our pupils the Community is our greatest asset and we are always looking for parents to help in school, be it walking pupils to and from swimming, helping with craft projects as well as other activities and if you would like to help and would be happy to complete the Council's PVG application then please contact the School Office.

*Whilst the information in this handbook is considered to be true and correct at the date of publication, changes in circumstances after the time of publication may impact on the accuracy of the information.*

