



LORNE STREET PRIMARY

School Handbook

Updated October 2023

Proudly
Unlocking
Potential
In
Lorne
Street



Lorne Street Primary School Handbook



Welcome to Lorne Street Primary

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to welcome you to Lorne Street Primary. We are looking forward to educating your child.

Lorne Street Primary is a school with a positive ethos, which encourages all children to achieve their full potential and to develop as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

We strive to build up strong partnerships with all our parents and create many opportunities for you to get involved in the life of the school.

We hope this handbook provides you with an overview of Lorne Street Primary and provides you with a useful introduction.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Nicolson
Head Teacher



CONTENTS PAGE

School Vision, Values & Aims	Page 3	Communication	Page 10
School Information	Page 3	Appointments	Page 11
Background Information	Page 4	Emergency Contacts	Page 11
School Staff	Page 4	Data Protection	Page 11
Enrollment	Page 4	Comments & Complaints	Page 11
Organisation of Classes	Page 4	Curriculum	Page 12
The School Day	Page 5	Religious Observance	Page 13
School Term Dates	Page 6	Assessing & Reporting	Page 14
Pupil Absence	Page 6	Support for Pupils	Page 14
Medical & Healthcare	Page 7	Nurturing City	Page 14
Emergencies	Page 7	School Improvement	Page 15
School Uniform	Page 7	Promoting Positive Behaviour	Page 15
PE Kit	Page 7	Home Learning	Page 15
Clothing & Footwear Grants	Page 8	Parent Council	Page 15
School Meals	Page 8	Pupil Council	Page 15
Transport	Page 9	Useful Contacts	Page 16
Transfer to Secondary	Page 9		

SCHOOL VISION, VALUES AND AIMS

Our school Mission Statement, Values and Aims were created in consultation with children, staff and parents.

Our Mission Statement for Lorne Street Primary is:

Proudly **U**nlocking **P**otential In **L**orne **S**treet

Our Values:

Respect, Honesty, Caring, Trustworthy and Kindness.

Our Aims:

- We strive to be welcoming, happy, and for all to be safe.
 - We aim to learn new skills for a bright future.
- We aim to respect ourselves and others and to be confident citizens.

Our Vision, Values and Aims were updated in session 2022-2023. The Pupil Council will lead this and consult with children, staff and parents.

Our schools aims take into consideration the Children's Rights. We were awarded the prestigious Rights Respecting School Award – Level 1 in May 2017.

To find out more about the expectations of establishments within Glasgow City Council, please take time to look at the Children's Rights Leaflet at the following website address: <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=9443>

SCHOOL INFORMATION

You can cut out the following information and have it on your fridge, purse or work desk etc. for ease of finding the numbers required.

Contact Details:

Lorne Street Primary

28 Lorne Street

Glasgow

G51 1DP

Phone: 0141 427 1315

Email: headteacher@lornestreet-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

www.lornestreet-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Co-educational school
- Non-denominational
- Stages taught: P1-P7
- Current Roll: 2 4 1
- Capacity: 328

SCHOOL STAFF

A full list is available on the school website and parents will be updated on any changes as required.

The senior leadership team is as follows:

Headteacher:	Mr Alexander Nicolson
Depute: 0.6	Mrs Karen Marigo
Depute: 0.4	Mrs Deepi Dhaliwal

ENROLMENT

Registration of Primary 1 children takes place in November and is advertised widely in local press etc. Prospective parents are welcome to visit the school and should contact the school office. Enrolment is now conducted online – see the link below.

Families living out with the catchment area are welcome to make a placing request to attend Lorne Street Primary School but must enroll their child online as a first step. Further information is available using the following

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18426>

ORGANISATION OF CLASSES

The following guidelines set by Scottish Government apply.

P1	maximum 25
P2&3	maximum 30
P4-7	maximum 33

Composite classes maximum 25

Composite classes have pupils from more than one stage.

THE SCHOOL DAY

School opens at 8am for Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club is £2.00 per day or free to those who are entitled to free school meals. More information can be found here:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17885>

All children enter via the main gate in the morning. The gate opens at 8.45am and is manned by Support Staff and a member of the Leadership Team.

Morning activities	09.00 -10.30
Interval	10.30 - 10.45
Mid-morning activities	10.45 - 12.15
Lunch	12.15 - 13.00
Afternoon activities	13.00 - 15.00



At 3.00pm, P1, P2a and P2b, P3, P3/4 are dismissed from exit 1. P4/5 and P5 are dismissed from exit 2. P5/6, P6 and P7 are dismissed from exit 3. Parents collecting from exit 3 can access it by passing Festival Park Nursery; please do not wait at exit 2 for children being dismissed from exit 3. **We must ask that when you have your child you vacate the area swiftly to allow other parents access to collect their child. Please do not wait to speak to other families on the pavement outside the school.**

...

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Details of school term dates are available on the Glasgow City Council website:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17024>

August	
Inservice Days 1 & 2	Monday 14 th and Tuesday 15 th August
Pupils return	Wednesday 16 th August
September	
September Weekend	Friday 22 nd & Monday 25 th September
Teachers and pupils return	Tuesday 26 th September
October	
Inservice Day 3	Friday 13 October
October Holiday	Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th October
Teachers and pupils return	Monday 23 rd October
November	
December	
School close 2:30pm	Friday 22 December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 25 th to Friday 5 th January
January	
Teachers and pupils return	Monday 8 th January 2024
February	
February Weekend	Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th February
Inservice Day 4	Wednesday 14 th February
Pupils return	
March	
Schools close 2:30pm	Thursday 28 th March
Good Friday	Friday 29 th March
April	
Easter Monday	Monday 1 st April
Spring Break	Tuesday 2 nd to Friday 12 th April
Pupils return	Monday 15 th April
May	
Inservice Day 6 - Parliamentary Elections	Thursday 2 nd May
May Holiday	Monday 6 th May
May Weekend	Friday 24 th and Monday 27 th May
June	
Schools close 1:00pm	Wednesday 26 th June

PUPIL ABSENCE

Within Glasgow Primary Schools good attendance is encouraged at all times and children rewarded accordingly. Parents are asked to advise if their son or daughter is going to be absent. This should be done as early as possible on the first day of absence. If the young person is going to be absent for some time, it would be helpful to know at the earliest opportunity. The school uses daily text messaging to inform parents and carers of absence if no contact is made. All unexplained absences are investigated by the school and appropriate action taken. All calls must be made to the Pupil Absence Reporting Line on 0141 287 0039. The line is open between 08.00-15.30 Monday to Friday. Alternatively you can use the online form on the Glasgow City Council website:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18832>

MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE

The school nurse visits at various times during the year for routine health checks, vaccinations and medical examinations. Parents are kept informed by letter.

If a child becomes ill during the course of the school day, he/she may require to be sent home. Please ensure that you keep the school informed of all contact details.

Parents should inform the school of any medical requirements relating to their child. If a child requires medication during the school day, parents must complete the appropriate medical form. This is available on request from the school office.

EMERGENCIES

We make every effort to maintain a full educational service, but on some occasions circumstances arise which lead to disruption. Schools may be affected by, for example, severe weather, temporary interruption of transport, power failures or difficulties of fuel supply.

In such cases, we shall do all we can to let you know about the details of our closure or re-opening by using letters, texts and the local media etc.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform is:

- Black Blazer
- White Shirt
- School Tie
- School Badge which can be ironed / sewed onto the blazer
- Black Trousers / Skirt

Our uniform was agreed in consultation with pupils and parents. It is expected that all children attending Lorne Street Primary will adhere to this dress code. School ties and weatherproof jackets with our school logo are available for purchase at BE School Wear, 35 Argyle Street, Glasgow.

PE KIT

It is important that pupils come prepared to learn and for PE this requires appropriate clothing. PE kit (black joggers/leggings and white polo shirt) should be worn to school on PE days. **All jewellery should be removed.** Pupils who are not participating in PE must have a note or a medical certificate. Pupils who are unable to participate in practical PE should still wear their kit to allow them to assist in the lesson by refereeing, keeping scores or assisting with the distribution of equipment.

This ensures that they are still able to take part in some way in the work of the class and do not miss out on the knowledge and understanding of the course.

There are forms of dress that are unacceptable in school, such as items of clothing which:

- Potentially encourage factions (such as football colours)
- Could cause offence (such as anti-religious symbolism or political slogans)
- Could cause health and safety difficulties (such as loose fitting clothing, jewellery)
- Could cause damage to flooring
- Carry advertising particularly for alcohol or tobacco
- Could be used to inflict damage on other pupils

CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR GRANTS

Parents/Carers receiving Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), Working Tax Credit (check link below for thresholds), Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit or Universal Credit (check link below for thresholds) will normally be entitled to monetary grants for footwear and clothing for their children. Information and application forms may be obtained from schools and at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17885>

SCHOOL MEALS

Our school provides a lunch service which offers a variety of meals and snacks. Medical diets for children can be provided. All primary schools in Glasgow City Council use a cashless system known as ParentPay. Lunches should be selected online in advance of the school day.

Further information on school meals can be found here:

[http://www.fuelzoneprimary.co.uk/UserFiles/files/Medical Diet Leaflet%20-%20June%202017%20WEB.pdf](http://www.fuelzoneprimary.co.uk/UserFiles/files/Medical_Diet_Leaflet%20-%20June%202017%20WEB.pdf)

Children who prefer to bring packed lunches will be accommodated in a suitable area.



All children in P1-5 are entitled to a free school meal.

If you plan to send your child/children to breakfast club, you should inform the staff of any medical dietary requirements.

Children and young people of parents/carers receiving Income Support, income-based Job Seekers Allowance, Working Tax Credit (check link below for thresholds), Child Tax Credit only (check link below for thresholds), Universal Credit (check link below for thresholds) and income-related Employment and Support Allowance are entitled to a free midday meal. Information and application forms for free school meals may be obtained at

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17885>

If you require any further information about the catering service please contact our Catering Manager Janet Hughes on 0141 429 6512

TRANSPORT

The education authority has a policy of providing free transport to all pupils who live outwith a certain radius from their local school by the recognised shortest walking route. This means that the provision of transport could be reviewed at any time. Parents/Carers who consider they are eligible can apply online at

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17882>

TRANSFER FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Children and young people normally transfer between the ages of 11½ and 12½, so that they will have the opportunity to complete at least 4 years of Secondary education. Parents and carers will be informed of the school arrangements no later than December of P7 . Children from our school normally transfer to:

Bellahouston Academy

30 Gower Street

Glasgow

G41 5QE

Phone: 0141 582 0030

Email: headteacher@bellahoustonacademy.glasgow.sch.uk

www.bellahouston.glasgow.sch.uk

Glasgow Secondary School staff work with our pupils from Primary 6 onward to prepare them for the transfer to secondary school.

COMMUNICATION

At Lorne Street Primary we are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers and look at different ways to fully involve you in your child's education. We use a variety of ways to keep in touch.



Email: Our main method of communication is email. Please ensure that you keep us updated with any changes to your email address. Please get in touch if you are not receiving school mail.

Open Door Policy: The Senior Leadership Team are available to all parents and carers, providing they are not teaching or in another meeting. Please phone for an appointment.

Newsletters: Newsletters are sent out on a termly basis to keep parents informed about the work of the school.

Text Messaging: We use the school text messaging service to send reminders about events, school closures etc.

School Website and Twitter: Our school website www.lornestreet-pri.glasgow.sch.uk and twitter contain a great deal of information about the school. It is a good idea to check them regularly. You can find us on Twitter at @LornestreetPS.

Interpreters are available on request in advance of meetings. Likewise, large print or Braille copies of important documents can be arranged with advance warning.



APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If your child has an unavoidable appointment, please give them a letter for their class teacher prior to appointment date/time and then collect them from the school office at the specified time.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

At the start of each school session, parents will be issued with the annual data check form. Please ensure that this is completed and returned to the school. It is also important that you let us know if there are changes to your telephone number(s) or to those of your emergency contacts throughout the year.

DATA PROTECTION

We collect information about children attending school (and also about parents/carers, emergency contacts etc. provided in the annual data check) to allow us to carry out the Council's functions as the education authority for the City of Glasgow. This may sometimes involve releasing personal information to other agencies and other parts of the Council, particularly in relation to child protection issues or criminal investigations, and it may also be used for research purposes (see the link below for more details regarding this).

Information held by the school is, in legal terms, processed by Glasgow City Council. The Council is registered as a data controller under the Data Protection Act 2018 and all personal data is treated as confidential and used only in accordance with the Data Protection Act, the General Data Protection Regulations, and the Information Use and Privacy Policy approved by the City Council. For more information on how we use personal information, or to see a copy of the Information Use and Privacy Policy, see <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18010> .

Education specific privacy statements can be accessed at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=22069> .

COMMENTS & COMPLAINTS

In Lorne Street Primary we aim to have positive relationships across our school community. However, if you have a comment or complaint about any aspect of school life, please contact the Head Teacher in the first instance.

Glasgow City Council complaints procedures are available : <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=16133>

Customer Care Team
Customer & Business Services
Glasgow City Council
City Chambers
Glasgow G2 1DU

Tel: 0141 287 0900

e-mail: customercare@glasgow.gov.uk or education.customercare@glasgow.gov.uk

The above website also includes information on data protection and freedom of information.

CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE 3-18

Curriculum for Excellence has been introduced to raise standards of learning and teaching for all 3 to 18 year olds. It aims to help prepare children and young people with the knowledge and skills they need in a fast changing world. As part of Curriculum for Excellence all children from pre-school to the end of S3 will receive a rounded education known as a Broad General Education(BGE). Curriculum for Excellence is all about bringing real life into the classroom and taking lessons beyond it.

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

Expressive Arts	Health & Wellbeing	Languages	Mathematics
Religious & Moral	Sciences	Social Studies	Technologies

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

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

Expressive arts:

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

Health and wellbeing:

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

Science:

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

Social Studies:

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

Religious and moral education:

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

Languages:

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

Mathematics:

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

Technologies:

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

There will be opportunities throughout the year for parents and carers to learn more about aspects of the curriculum and to be consulted about significant changes if appropriate.

Useful websites:

Education Scotland www.education.gov.scot

National Parent Forum of Scotland www.npfs.org.uk

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

Our school is fortunate to have a close link with the local church. The minister assists with the Christianity element of Religious and Moral Education and provides opportunities for religious observance. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from religious observance and should inform the school in writing.

In addition, parents and carers from religions other than Christianity may request that their children may be permitted to be absent from school in order to celebrate recognised religious events. Only written requests detailing the proposed arrangements will be considered. Appropriate requests will be granted on up to three occasions in any one school session.

ASSESSING & REPORTING

All children are assessed both formally and informally throughout the year. This allows children and their teachers to identify their strengths and areas for improvement. A variety of assessment methods are used to enable staff to pass on information to parents about the progress of their child. Assessment records are kept by the class teacher and form the basis of discussion at Parents' Evening in March. An interim report will be sent to parents in November with the annual report being sent towards the end of each school year.

If you have any concerns about your child's progress do not hesitate to contact the school.

SUPPORT FOR PUPILS

The school has a duty to ensure that all pupils have equal access to the curriculum, with appropriate support for their needs if required. This applies to the content of lessons, teaching strategies and minor adaptations to the school environment. There are a wide range of factors which may act as a barrier to learning. We are committed to working closely with parents and carers to ensure that they are fully involved in any decisions about support for their children's needs.

Any parent or carer seeking further advice regarding this policy should contact the Head Teacher in the first instance.

Further information relating to additional support needs is available on the Glasgow City Council website at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18941>

Information on the Glasgow City Councils' Parental Involvement Strategy can also be found at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17870>

NURTURING CITY

The Glasgow City Council vision 'towards the nurturing city', puts building positive, trusting relationships at the core of our work. We ensure children, young people and families feel they belong, they are listened to and they are valued by embedding the principles of nurture across our early years, primary and secondary establishments. Staff are trained in attachment and nurture which deepens understanding of child development and enhances effective practice by responding to the needs of all children and young people in a consistent and caring way. Nurture is a universal approach which builds resilience, helping to reduce the impact of adversity. Effective communication and collaboration with parents and carers builds an ethos of partnership working putting the child at the centre, fostering high quality learning contexts.

Each of our nurturing establishments contribute to the development of Glasgow as a nurturing city, creating safe environments which allow our children and young people to flourish by raising attainment and promoting positive mental health and wellbeing.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

On an annual basis, you will receive a copy of our Standards and Quality report. Copies from previous years are available on the school website. The Standards and Quality report highlights progress in key curricular areas such as Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing. Our priorities for improvement are detailed in our School Improvement Plan which is discussed with our Parent Council. Any parent or carer seeking a copy of the plan can contact the school office or view on our website.

PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Children's Rights as outlined in the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) are fundamental to a good school ethos. Adults in our school will work with children to ensure they are aware of their rights and fully respect the rights of others. Therefore, the approach within Lorne Street Primary is to build a positive ethos that demonstrates care and respect for all. Positive behaviour is recognised and celebrated. Our school operates a system of class charters to set out expected behaviour. This is celebrated at every opportunity.

The highest standards of behaviour are expected of pupils at all times. We follow our school values. Where this is not the case, restorative conversations are used. Parents are asked to co-operate with the school in encouraging a sense of responsibility and good behaviour in their children.

HOME LEARNING

Continuing to learn at home helps children to achieve more and is a vital part of our partnership with parents. We use the SeeSaw app to communicate home learning. Please check your child's SeeSaw for home learning and specific tasks. If you require a QR code for SeeSaw, please contact the school office.

PARENT COUNCIL

We have an active Parent Council that represents the views of all parents. All parents are welcome to attend Parent Council meetings and can become members at the AGM in September. Parent Council minutes are available on the Parent Council part of the school website and on request from the school office. The Parent Council are contactable via email: lornestreetparentcouncil@outlook.com

PUPIL COUNCIL

Our Pupil Council is made up of 2 representatives from each year group. This is an important group which ensures that the views of pupils are heard.



USEFUL CONTACTS

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>.

Connect : Connect is a national organisation that provides advice and resources for parents and carers. www.connect.scot

Enquire Scotland: Enquire is a national advice service for families with additional support needs. www.enquire.org.uk

Glasgow City Council

Education Services
City Chambers East
40 John Street
Glasgow G1 1JL

Tel: 0141 287 2000

www.glasgow.gov.uk

Local Councillors:

Councillor Richard Bell – richard.bell@glasgow.gov.uk

Councillor Steven Dornan – stephen.dornan@glasgow.gov.uk

Councillor Allan Young – allan.young@glasgow.gov.uk

