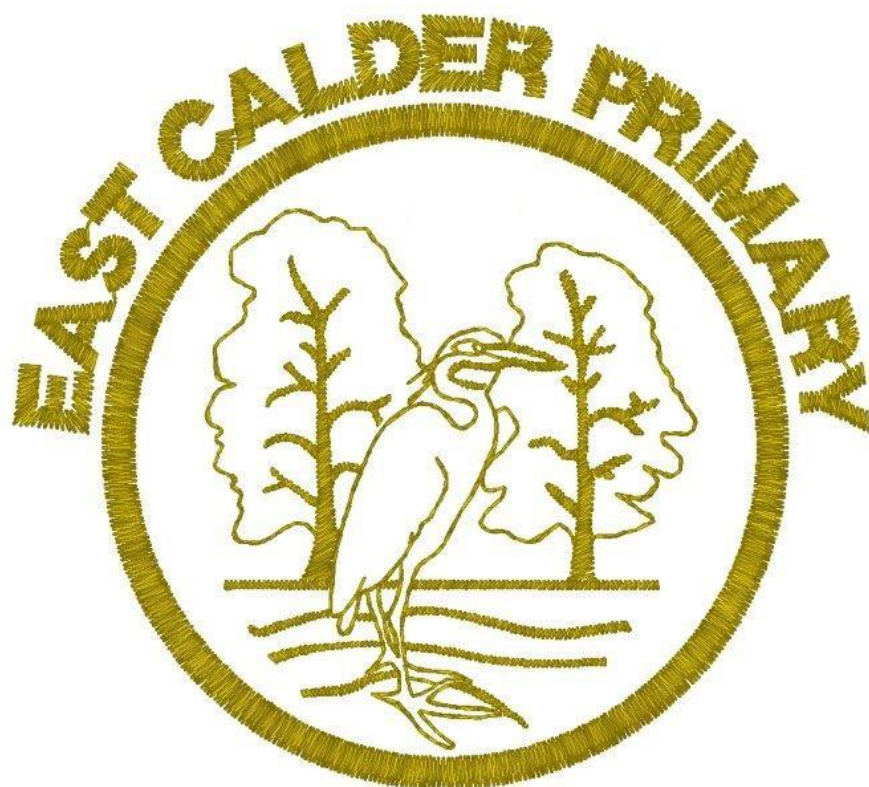


East Calder Primary School



Learn and Achieve Everyday

School Handbook
2023-24

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Welcome to East Calder Primary School!

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for choosing East Calder Primary School for your child's education.

Our children, families, staff, patterns and wider community take deep pride in our school. Our learning community has very expectations of, and aspirations for, our children and we are committed to getting it right for every child.

We want every child in our school to be happy and enjoy being a member of our school. We want them to feel safe, taken care of and supported as they journey through their primary education with us.

As you read through this handbook, we hope you will be assured that we are committed to work alongside you, to ensure your child achieves their full potential within a safe, caring and positive learning environment.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to East Calder Primary and we look forward to working in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Stewart
Headteacher



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School term dates and holidays can be accessed online at:

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/schoolholidays>

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East Calder Primary Staff

Here are the staff that will care for your child:

Headteacher Mrs Fiona Stewart

Depute Headteacher Mrs Laura Donnelly

Principal Teacher Miss Alison Baldacci (maternity)

Principal Teacher (acting) Miss Kerry Siegel

Teaching Staff

Mrs Murdoch

Mrs Forbes

Ms Rutherford

Mrs Turner

Miss Marra

Mrs Spence

Mrs Lewis

Miss Mannion

Mrs Campbell

Miss Henderson

Miss Young

Mrs Lewis

Mrs Beatties

Miss Bennett

Mrs Henderson (maternity)

Probationer Teacher Miss Niven

Support for Learning Teacher Miss Livingston

Small Group Setting Teacher Mrs Grieve

Brass Instructor Mrs Farren

Woodwind Instructor Ms Benezra

School Admin Mrs Findlay

Clerical Assistant Mrs Lewis

Pupil Support Team

Mrs Buendia
Mr Fazakerley
Mrs Sandison
Mrs Carson
Mrs Mitchell
Mrs Shanks
Mrs King
Miss Brown

Early Learning and Childcare Team

Early Years Officer Mrs Murray + (vacancy)

Early Years Practitioners

Mrs Rafferty
Miss McKechnie (maternity)
Mrs Findlay
Mrs MacKenzie
Miss James
Mrs Spence
Miss Vance
Mrs Sodimu
Miss Craig
Miss Gordon
Mrs Nicol
Miss Fleming (maternity)

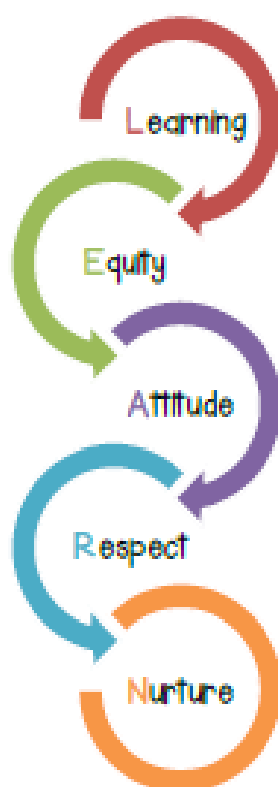
ELC Pupil Support Team

Mrs Renwick
Mrs Bazely
Mrs King
Mr Craig

our vision, values and Aims

Everyone is unique. We consider the whole child and their circumstances when making decisions and value inclusion, fairness and diversity so that together we ensure that everyone has the right support and the same chance to learn and achieve every day.

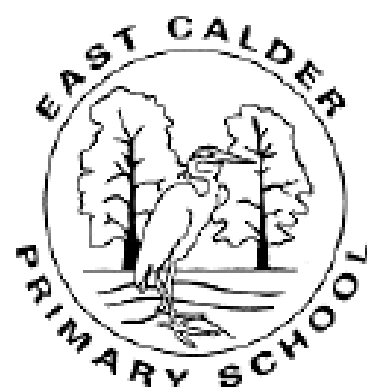
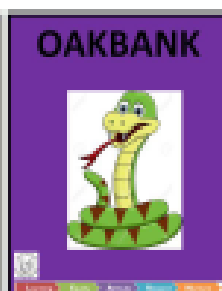
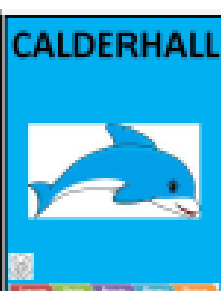
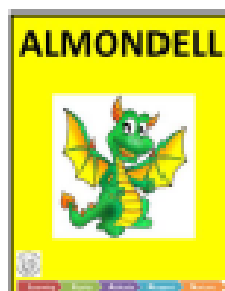
Mutual respect underpins positive relationships across our lives. We model clear communication, honesty, responsibility and trust and expect the same across all relationships in school; building partnerships which are important to support us all to learn and achieve every day.



Learning is central to our values. We are all committed to life-long learning and enjoying creative, engaging opportunities to play, co-operate and learn which develop the knowledge skills and experiences we all need to learn and achieve every day.

A positive attitude is crucial. We encourage and develop positive and supportive approaches to challenges and relationships building the aspiration, independence, resilience and confidence we all need to learn and achieve every day.

Feeling nurtured is a central human need. The wellbeing indicators help us all to work together on building a caring, warm, supportive environment where children's needs are central to our approaches ensuring we all learn and achieve every day.



AIMS

- To foster learning opportunities that recognise and celebrate pupils individuality, develop their full potential and skills they will need to become Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors.
- To provide stimulating and challenging learning opportunities that will engage children and develop their curiosity, creativity, independence and resilience.
- To have a shared vision that equips our children with skills for learning, life and work.
- To nurture and promote positive relationships and develop a sense of belonging, within the East Calder Primary School community.
- To cultivate an ethos of high aspirations and ambition for all our learners where attainment, achievement and participation is recognised and celebrated.

READY

RESPECT

SAFE

Learn and Achieve Everyday



East Calder Primary - School Uniform

Following consultation from parents, pupils and staff, from August 2021 we are introducing an 'active' school uniform. Wearing an active school uniform means that school staff can take advantage of key points in the school day to ensure our learners remain active. This might be through: doing the daily mile, outdoor learning, spending time in the playground or woodland area or even taking part in an online fitness video. Our learners will continue to have two formal PE lessons per week and teachers will communicate with parents, which days these are on.

Active School Uniform	Other Uniform Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black school sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo • Black school sweatshirt, v-neck or cardigan without the school logo • Plain white, yellow or black polo shirt • Plain white, yellow or black t-shirt (long or short sleeves) • Plain black tracksuit bottoms (option to buy these with school logo) • Plain black leggings (long leggings or cropped leggings) • Plain black sports shorts or leggings shorts or skirt (not fashion or denim) • Black or Yellow Hoodies/Zoodies (zip hoodies) – these should be plain unless purchased with school logo • Trainers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black school shoes • Black school trousers/skirt/pinafore • White shirt • Yellow and Black tie • Yellow gingham dress

- In order to keep the costs low for school uniform, we have created a table below which gives example images of our school uniform. We have checked with a number of local shops to ensure they stock the appropriate colours – these shops are named below - to ensure the majority of items can be found in supermarkets and high street shops. There are only a few items which are branded with the school logo and these can be bought from Borders Embroidery – these include hoodies and sweatshirts - however there is **no requirement** to wear the school branded version. School ties will continue to be available for Borders Embroidery to those who wish to purchase this.
- Our Primary 7 pupils will continue to order their school hoody in their preferred colour from March/April of their P7 year.
- We have an extensive range of flexible and active uniform options. What pupils will wear is entirely up to individual families' preference however it must be in school colours only – **black, white and yellow**.
- We appreciate your support in ensuring that our learners don't come to school in football strips, denim or obviously branded items. These will be not permitted as part of our school uniform.
- Thank you to all our parents/carers for your, overwhelmingly positive, feedback on this consultation. We have achieved the highest response rate we have **ever** had to a survey with a massive **94.7% of parents voting in favour of a flexible, active, uniform**. Thank you for taking the time to respond and share your ideas and thank you in advance for your support for ensuring our learners are dressed appropriately for school.

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The School Day

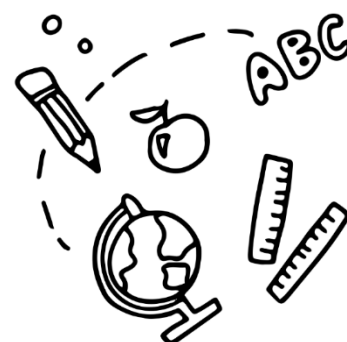
The school day is the same for all children.

School day starts at 8.50am

Break 1 - P1-4 - 10.35 - 10.50am

Break 2 - P5-7 - 10.55 - 11.10am

(August 23 - due to building works we will return to split breaks in a similar manner as our return from COVID)



There are two lunch breaks-

12-12.45 and 12.35 - 1.20pm

Home time at 3.15pm

Friday finish at 12.25 pm

Following consultation with parents in August 2021, all our children can enjoy a 'soft start' to their day and can enter their classrooms from 8.30am onwards.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club provides our learners with a healthy breakfast and allow them to sample and develop preferences for health options. Breakfast Club aims to establish positive relationships at the start of the school day, helping to reduce lateness or poor attendance and improve engagement and motivation to learn.

All pupils are entitled to free breakfast. The club runs from 8.10am each day and children can access the via dining hall door.



Curriculum

The Curriculum is, in short, all the learning experiences which your child will encounter during his/her time at school.

Curriculum for Excellence strives to transform education in Scotland by providing an improved, more flexible and enriched curriculum for all young people aged 3-18. We offer pupils active learning experiences across the eight curriculum areas and four contexts for learning:

1. Literacy and Languages
2. Mathematics (Numeracy)
3. Health and well being
4. Expressive Arts
5. Sciences
6. Social studies
7. Technologies
8. Religious & Moral Education

Learning is divided into levels. The *Curriculum for Excellence* levels are as follows:

EARLY LEVEL the pre-school years and P1 or later for some
FIRST LEVEL to the end of P4 but earlier or later for some
SECOND LEVEL to the end of P7, but earlier or later for some
THIRD AND FOURTH S1-S3, but earlier for some

Curriculum Rationale



Literacy and English

The Literacy and English framework at East Calder promotes the development of critical and creative thinking as well as competence in listening and talking, reading, writing and the personal, interpersonal and team-working skills which are important in life and in the world of work.

The development of each child's language is pursued through an integrated programme of language work involving talking, listening, reading and writing.

Early reading material is based on the English language, progressing thereafter, through a graded reading programme. As the child pursues their reading through appropriate fiction and non-fiction material, they also learn skills of comprehension and reference to help them understand more of what they read and to assist them in looking for information. Alongside this they will develop the necessary skills of spelling, punctuation, language structure and handwriting, each at a level appropriate to the child's needs.

Writing will form an important part of this development and the child will start with simple stories and go on to different forms and genres of writing activities.

Much emphasis will be placed on listening and talking skills as our children progress through school.

Modern Languages

In line with Scottish Government policy, our school has implemented a 1+2 approach to language learning. This approach ensures that every child has the opportunity to learn a modern language (known as L2) from P1. Additionally, each child is entitled to learn a second modern language (known as L3) from P5 onwards.

East Calder's 1+2 approach is:

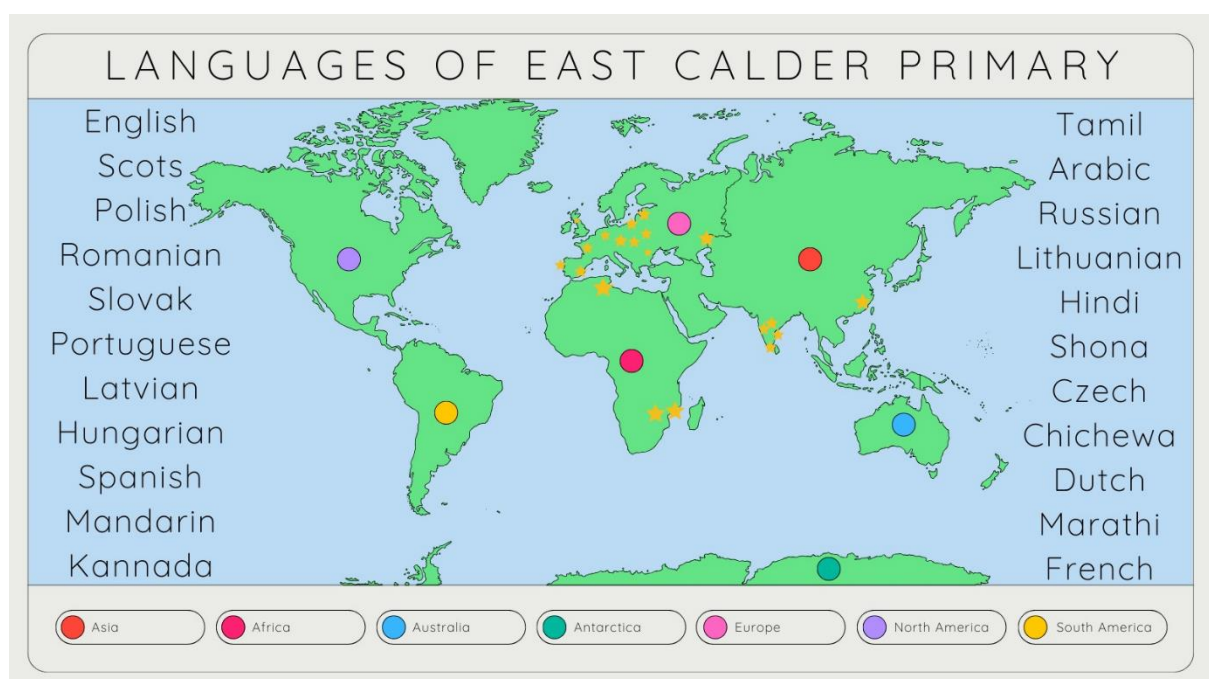
Language 2 (L2) **French** Language 3 (L3) **Spanish**

At early and at first levels, children will develop generic skills in their first language. These include taking part in conversations, developing listening, reading and writing skills and knowledge about language. All of these are relevant to learning other languages. Activities include playing games, singing songs, carrying out simple instructions, and playing with simple poetry and rhyme. In this way the children begin to be enthusiastic, confident language learners from the outset.

By the end of Primary 7, we work towards the majority of children learned the skills necessary to:

1. give a short presentation about themselves
2. take part in simple conversations and transactions
3. understand classroom instructions and personal information
4. enjoy listening to a story, song or poem
5. read aloud a simple text
6. read and understand a short text
7. write a few sentences about themselves and others.

Many of our children speak additional languages and we actively encourage them to share, use and teach their peers and school staff. We celebrate every learning opportunity and enjoy finding out more about other cultures.



Numeracy and Mathematics

The experiences and outcomes of *A Curriculum for Excellence* encourage learning and teaching approaches that challenge and stimulate children and young people and promote their enjoyment of mathematics. To achieve this, teachers in East Calder will use a skilful mix of approaches, including:

1. planned, active learning which provides opportunities to observe,
2. explore, investigate, experiment, play, discuss and reflect
3. modelling and scaffolding the development of mathematical thinking skills
4. learning collaboratively and independently
5. opportunities for discussion, communication and explanation of thinking
6. developing mental agility
7. using relevant contexts and experiences, familiar to young people
8. making links across the curriculum to show how mathematical concepts are applied in a wide range of contexts, such as those provided by science and social studies
9. using technology in appropriate and effective ways
10. building on the principles of Assessment is for Learning, ensuring that young people understand the purpose and relevance of what they are learning
11. developing problem-solving capabilities and critical thinking skills
12. concrete, pictorial and abstract (CPA) methodology

When planning lessons, the staff will use a variety of resources rather than focusing on a published scheme. In the infant stages work is clearly structured and concentrates on the development of number through practical activities.

It includes work on money, time, measure and shape. As the child progresses through school the work continues to be structured with a strong emphasis on basic number skills while integrating measure, shape, position and movement and information handling as appropriate.

Mental Agility

In East Calder we use “*Number Talks*” as our main teaching method for mental agility. Classes participate in “*Number Talks*” sessions. Number Talks are short exercises aimed at building number sense. Number sense is the ability to play with numbers meaning children can visualize problem solving, perform calculations quickly, and are flexible in their mathematical strategy.

Children who have strong number sense solve problems in more than one way and check that their answers make sense. During a number talk, children are thinking, asking their peers questions, and explaining their own thinking all while the teacher records the thinking.

Social Studies

Through Social Studies our pupils will develop their understanding of the world by learning about other people and their values, in different times, places and circumstances; they will also develop their understanding of their environment and of how it has been shaped. Our Social Studies programme is divided into three main areas:

People, past events and societies

People, place and environment

People in society

Our Social Studies topics are taught through an interdisciplinary approach helping pupils make connections between subjects. Visits to places of local interest and field studies are actively

encouraged, carefully planned and thoroughly vetted as to their educational potential. Included in our Social Studies programme is Primary 7s annual visit to an outdoor residential centre.

Health and Wellbeing

Our children's health and wellbeing is at the heart of our curriculum. All children are provided with opportunities to explore their feelings and emotions, to understand physical factors in relation to their health and to develop a sense of social responsibility. Promoting health and wellbeing at school is embedded in the variety of activities offered during the school day and in extra-curricular activities.

All classes enjoy two periods of PE per week; as well as additional activities on non PE days by jogging, running or playing for 15 minutes. Our whole school enjoy weekly outdoor learning as part of the experiences on offer. Sporting events and Sports day are very popular annual events in East Calder. The school has achieved its forth green eco school award and is actively seeking Silver Award re-accreditation for Rights Respecting Schools.

All children from P2-7 are members of active Pupil Hubs which meet regularly to take forward aspects of school improvement. Every child in East Calder self-reports termly on the eight wellbeing indicators. Learner conversations and "trusted adult" conversations provide opportunities for our children to develop self-regulation, and feel happy and safe at school. P1-7 school assemblies highlight a wide range of wellbeing issues to empower and support all children.

Expressive Arts

Learning in the Expressive Arts enables children to develop important skills within art, music, drama and dance. Children learn to be creative and express themselves in different ways,

whilst building their confidence and self-esteem. At East Calder, pupils have opportunities to be involved in a range of activities and performances through assemblies, concerts, festivals, performances, art competitions and much more.

Sciences

Through learning in the sciences our children will develop their interest in and understanding of the living, material and physical world. Our science programme allows the children to develop a curiosity and understanding of their environment, develop skills of enquiry and investigation using practical techniques and recognise the impact the sciences make on their lives, the lives of others, the environment and on society. Our curriculum also looks to engage and inspire children through STEAM - Science, Technology, the Arts, Engineering and Maths.

Technologies

Learning in technologies allows our children to develop skills, knowledge, understanding and attributes through creative, practical and work-related activities across a range of areas. They will be able to use these skills in business, computing science, digital literacy, food, textiles, craft, design, engineering, and graphics. Our school has achieved our Digital Schools Aware, as well as our Cyber Responsibility and Internet Safety Accreditation - both awards recognising the integral role technology plays within learning and teaching at our school.

Religious and Moral Education

Includes exploring the world's major religions as well as views that are non-religious. Your child will think about their own beliefs and values.

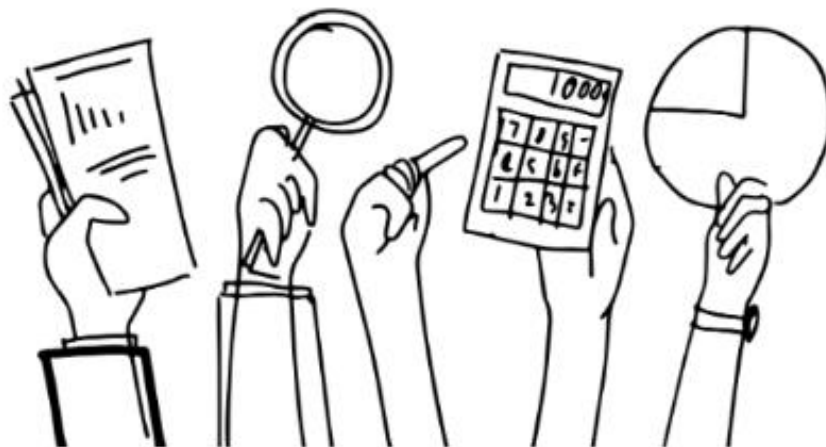
Children learn about Christian practice in worship and the place of Christian action in the community. Children will also study other world religions in line with national guidelines.

This part of the curriculum operates through class teaching, assemblies, outside visits and visitors to school.

Any parent who wishes to exercise their right to withdraw their child from religious education/observance should inform the Headteacher.

For further information regarding the curriculum at national level visit:

[Curriculum for Excellence information](#)



Assessment and Reporting

Assessment is an integral part of the teaching process and your child will be continually assessed during their school career. The results of the assessment process allow teachers to form next steps in your child's learning.

In August 2017, The Scottish Government introduced SNSA - Scottish National Standardised Assessments for aspects of literacy and numeracy. Children in P1, P4 and P7 are assessed once a year in aspects of reading, writing and numeracy. These results form part of the overall assessment information about your child.

Your child's progress will be reported to you regularly so that you know how well your child is doing. We hold two Parents' Evenings each year for discussion with your child's teacher. These are held in autumn and spring. In addition, we will issue a written report in the summer term detailing your child's progress throughout the session.

For session 2023-2024, we are piloting new ways for us to share profiles of our children's learning and we would welcome your feedback.

1. ELC - this is recorded by staff in each child's individual **Online Learner's Journal**. Parents will be given a unique login to access this.
2. P1-3 - learners have an individual **Seesaw** profile and parents are given a unique login to access this.
3. P4-7 - pupils are using **OneNote** via their GLOW account to profile.

We would encourage parents to comment on their child's learning and share achievements from home.

As always, we welcome your feedback and will confirm our next steps after our pilot year.

Support for Pupils

At East Calder Primary, we are all committed to *Getting it Right for every Child*. We recognise that all children need support in their learning at some stage. Some children need more support than others and this support comes from many sources. These can include, for instance, extra teacher-help, the use of a Visiting Specialist, access to our Small Group Setting and, with parental knowledge, advice from the Educational Psychologist or health professionals.

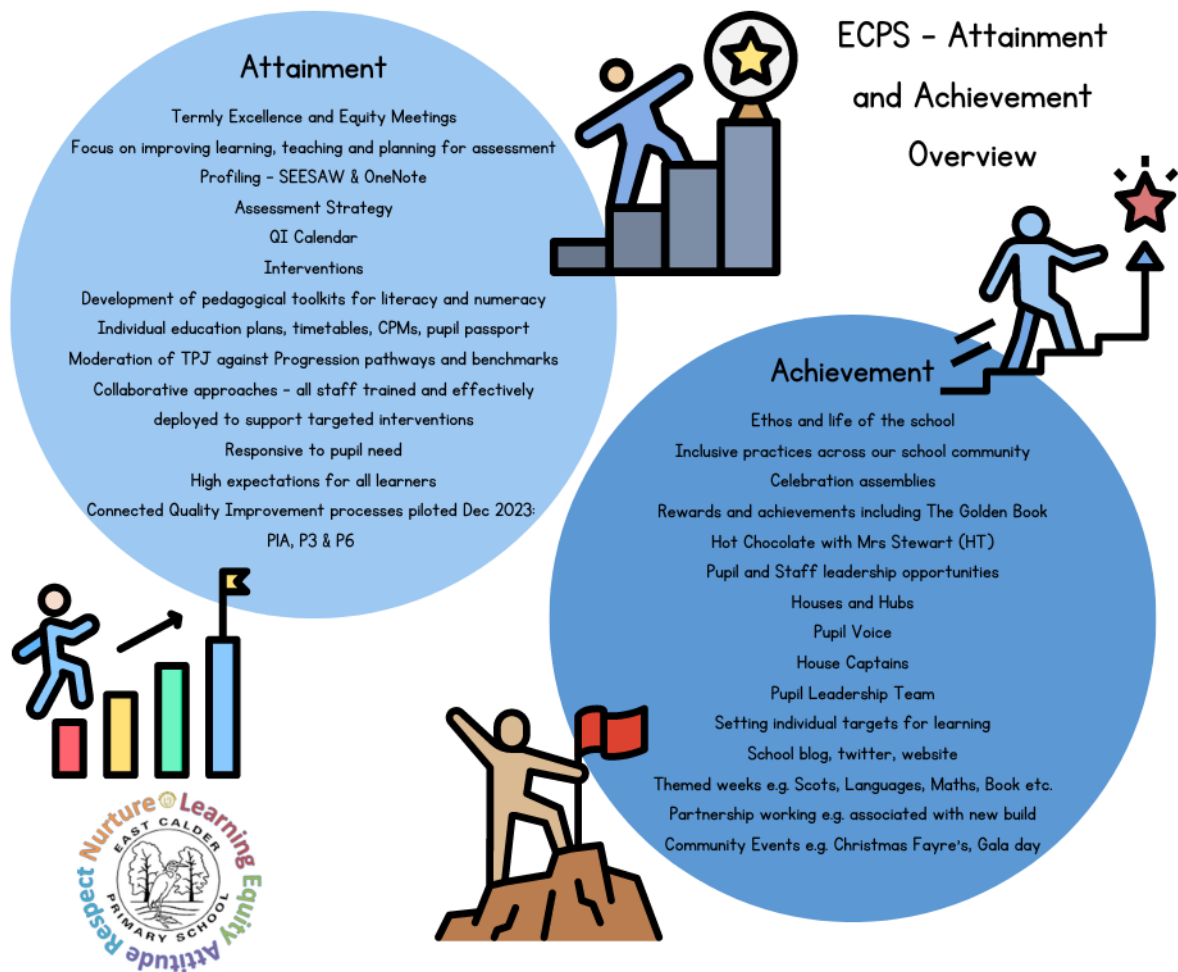
We also have a Support for Learning teacher whose role is to support or challenge any child, or groups of children, who may need assistance. This may be in literacy, numeracy or any other aspect of the curriculum.

If you feel that your child needs additional support, information and advice is available from us directly - Miss Livingston our Support for Learning teacher would be happy to hear from you to discuss any concerns that you may have.

The Parents' Guide to Additional Support for Learning is now available to download at

<http://enquire.org.uk/publications/parents-guide>

Attainment and Achievement



Attendance

Please help us develop in your child a regular habit of good time keeping. If circumstances arise when your child will be unavoidably late please provide a note of explanation.

In the event of illness please contact the school office by telephone on **01506 880810** on the first day of absence. If the absence is planned, as in the event of a family holiday, a letter of explanation should be sent prior to departure.

The Scottish Government has issued a directive informing local authorities that, due to the impact absences during term-time have on children's learning, any such absences will be recorded as unauthorised. Family holidays should therefore be taken out-

with term times. If, in exceptional circumstances, you wish to take your children out of school, you must make your request to Mrs Stewart (Headteacher) in writing.

Please refer to the Attendance at School Policy for further information:

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/32402/Education-Policies-and-Procedures>

Home Learning

Home learning is the link between home and school and enables parents to see what can be achieved independently by their child as well as strengthening their partnership with the school. It provides the child with practice in skills already learned in school. Any home learning provided should already have been taught and should not prove too difficult to complete. P1-3 home learning is currently issued via Seesaw and P4-7 access their home learning via Microsoft Teams.

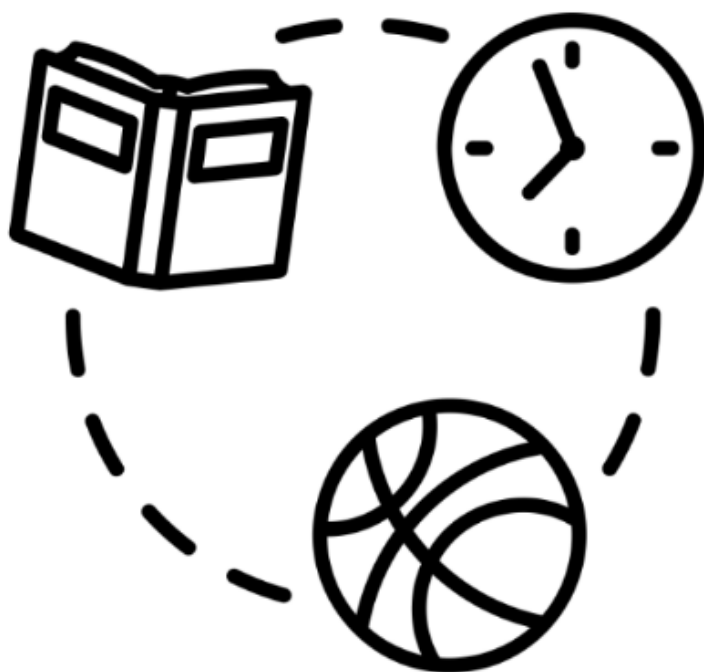
Extra-Curricular Activities

We aim to provide a variety of free extra-curricular activities throughout the session, ranging from sports clubs to art clubs. Clubs are offered to different stages and are available at lunchtime and after school. Parents are given an overview of available activities at the start of each term.

Instrumental Tuition

The Council has instructors for brass and strings. Instructors will assess children in P4 and P5 who have expressed an interest in learning to play an instrument. Successful children are given a place if one is available or placed on a waiting list. Parents are

asked to sign a contract to ensure regular practice and proper care of the instrument. Our school has access to a weekly brass instructor and lessons are provided free of charge to pupils who take part.



School Meals

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/school-meals-menu>

Pupils in Primary schools are offered a two course meal with a choice of main course, supplemented by salads and bread, and which meet the new Scottish Nutrient Guidelines for School Meals. Children will be issued with a copy of the menu termly.

All Primary 1- 5 pupils are entitled to a free school meal.

Primary school meals cost £2.20 per day (price from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024).

A daily vegetarian option is available and special dietary requirements will be catered for. Please contact the school on 01506 880810, to discuss your child's requirements. Please also advise the school immediately should your child have any allergies.

Milk is available to purchase at 20p per day. Your child will receive a letter with all the relevant information at the beginning of each term.

Parents should use Ipayimpact, an online payment system, to pay for meals and excursions. Parents will be given a letter with all registration details.

Free School Meals

Pupils with parents in receipt of either: Income Support Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance Any Income Related element of Employment & Support Allowance Child Tax Credit (with no working tax credit) and whose annual income is £16,105 or less Working Tax Credit and whose annual income is £6,420 or less are entitled to a free mid-day meal.

Free school milk: All pupils of nursery schools and classes, all P1-7 pupils whose parents are in receipt of a qualifying benefit, are entitled to 0.25 litre of milk daily free of charge.

For further information please refer to the School Meals and Milk Policy:

<http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/sitecontent/documentlist/educationpolicy/schmealsmilkpol>

School Transport

West Lothian will provide transport assistance for all primary pupils living more than 1.5 miles from their designated school. Where appropriate, free travel is provided for pupils attending special schools or classes. Further information can be obtained from School Transport (telephone 01506 282322) or from the School Transport policy at <https://westlothian.gov.uk/schooltransport> Parents who choose to send their children to a school out with their catchment area will be responsible for any extra travelling expenses incurred.



School Clothing Grants

School Clothing Grants are available to parents in receipt of a qualifying benefit; application forms are available from the school or online.

Families in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers' Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance - Income Related or Working Tax Credit (WTC) or Child Tax Credit (CTC) (with an annual income of £16,105 or less) can receive a clothing grant for each pupil of school age.

Families not in receipt of these specific benefits but experiencing financial hardship have the opportunity to access school and PE clothing by contacting the Headteacher directly.

For further information please refer to the School Clothing Grants Policy:

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/schoolclothinggrants>

The school works closely with [The School Bank West Lothian](#) to provide brand new school uniform and equipment for children whose parents are experiencing any financial hardship. Please talk to us - we are always happy to help.

Help is also available from the West Lothian Council Advice Shop.

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/advice-shop>

Medication in Schools

Most pupils will at some time have a medical condition that may affect their participation in school activities. For many this will be short-term; perhaps finishing prescribed medication.

Others have medical conditions which, without help, could limit their access to education.

Parents have prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide schools with information about their child's medical condition.

Please tell the school if your child needs medication. Forms for children requiring medication during the school day are available from the school office or can be downloaded from www.westlothian.gov.uk

Child Protection Procedures

The safety of your child at school is a priority for the authority. All West Lothian schools follow the Lothian Child Protection guidelines. A copy can be found at www.westlothian.gov.uk



Use of Internet and Mobile Devices

Children access information and resources on local and worldwide networks as part of their studies. We teach children about internet safety and how to report any items that make them feel uncomfortable. Devices are provided in all classes for children to use. Children in P6 and P7 are given the opportunity to bring a device to school to support their learning. Children sign a contract at the beginning of a school year to confirm that they will use their device as agreed with their class teacher. Devices are stored securely in each classroom and not allowed to be used in the playground. This is called 'Bring Your Own Device'.

We ask parents to promote the responsible and safe use of the internet at home, including the use of social media if parents permit their children to access it. Further information on safe use of the internet is available at <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Emergency Arrangements

It is essential that the school has the name, address and telephone number of an adult to be contacted in case of an accident or if your child is feeling ill. Please ensure records are kept up to date by notifying the school of any change of contact details.

In the event of an early closure which is unplanned (e.g. school closure due to heating failure or severe weather) children will be sent home if parents are known to be at home. Otherwise they will be sent to the 'Emergency Contact.' The school uses a Group Call system to contact parents in such events.

Security

The school has a security system which allows all doors to be locked once the children are in school. All visitors should report

to the school office via the main entrance, sign in and collect a visitor's badge. It is extremely important for school security that no adult is on the premises unless they have signed in at the school office.

Car Park

In the interest of safety, parents must **not** use the staff car park to access the school. Parking is provided in the car park outside the school gates and nearby streets.

We would strongly encourage parents to park in a safe parking space and walk their child across any roads. Parents are asked to park with consideration for other vehicles, home owners and pedestrians.

Photography

West Lothian schools have a photography policy which is in accordance with data protection and human rights legislation. Photographs taken for curricular, assessment, security, registration, training and development or travel reasons will not be used for any other purpose. All parents are asked to sign a consent form before any photographs are taken. If you have any concerns about photography, please tell the school.

Data Sharing

On occasion, schools will make data available to partners and academic institutions to carry out research and statistical analysis. In addition, schools will provide our partners with information they need in order to fulfil their official responsibilities. The collection, transfer, processing and sharing of data is done in accordance with the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulation compliance.

Equality and Fairness

All pupils have the right to enjoy opportunities and activities, regardless of their background, race, gender or religion, so that they will be given the freedom to develop their full potential without constraint. Our aim is to promote self-esteem and a positive self-image in every pupil. Self-respect and respect for others is a priority. We treat children equally and offer the same opportunities to all pupils by offering a diverse curriculum, which addresses the needs and opinions of all. We aim to maintain an environment which is free from bullying, racism and other forms of discriminatory behaviour. We value your support in maintaining this ethos.

Enrolment and Transition

West Lothian is divided into catchment areas for primary and secondary schools. The catchment areas for all West Lothian Council schools are available online at www.westlothian.gov.uk

Each home address has a catchment non-denominational school and a catchment non-denominational (Roman Catholic) school, for both primary and secondary education.

Pupil Placement deals with all applications for pre-school, as well as for August (PI) and secondary (SI) intakes. Schools deal with applications for other stages and for PI after the pupils start school. To apply for a place, you must fill in an application form. You can get application forms from schools, libraries, Council Information Service offices and from Pupil Placement or can apply online at <https://westlothian.gov.uk/education>

To contact Pupil Placement e-mail pupilplacement@westlothian.gov.uk or phone 01056 280000.

Nursery / Primary 1

Pupils attending their pre-school year in nursery will be involved in an early years transition programme with opportunities to become more involved in school life and meet some of the school staff.

Primary 7 Transition

East Calder Primary School is part of the West Calder High School cluster. The P7 transition programme begins early in the session to ensure a smooth transition to Secondary. P7 pupils attend a 2-day Transition event at WCHS in June to complete the transition programme. We work in partnership with our Secondary colleagues to support young people in their transition.

West Calder High School contact details:

Headteacher: Mr Greg McDowall

Limefield Lane,

West Calder

EH55 8BF

Tel: 01506 284950

Email: wlwestcalder-hs@westlothian.org.uk



Parent Council

All parents and carers will automatically be members of our parent body and will be entitled to have a say in what happens at the school. We have an active and supportive Parent Council and all parents are welcome to attend any of the meetings which are held termly.

The role of a Parent Council is to:

- support the school in its work with pupils
- represent the views of all parents
- encourage links between the school, parents, pupils, pre-school groups and their wider community
- report back to the parent forum

Parent council email address: eastcalder_psc@hotmail.com

East Calder Primary also welcomes parent helpers. If you wish to become involved in this, you will need to obtain a disclosure certificate through the PVG scheme. The PVG forms can be obtained from our school office.

Parentzone Scotland is a one-stop shop website for information and advice on education and learning in Scotland. The website continues to be updated and improved and can be accessed [here](#). Why not check out the website for ideas on how you can support your child's learning.

Feedback, Concerns or Complaints

If you have feedback, concerns or complaints regarding the service you are receiving, these can be addressed by contacting the Headteacher in the first instance.

If you are dissatisfied with that response you should contact:

Education Services
West Lothian Council
West Lothian Civic Centre
Howden South Road
Livingston
EH54 6FF
Tel: 01506 281952

Educationcustomerservices@westlothian.gov.uk

The Complaints Policy and Procedures for Education and Cultural Services is available in booklet form or can be downloaded from the web at: www.westlothian.gov.uk

Information is available in Braille, tape, large print and community languages.
Please contact the Interpretation and Translation Service on 0131 242 8181.

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