



# Colinton Primary School Handbook

2020 - 2021

## A Foreword from the Executive Director of Communities and Families

Session 2020 - 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This brochure contains a range of information about your child's school which will be of interest to you and your child. It offers an insight into the life and ethos of the school and also offers advice and assistance which you may find helpful in supporting and getting involved in your child's education.

We are committed to working closely with parents as equal partners in your child's education, in the life of your child's school and in city-wide developments in education.

Parental involvement in the decision-making process and in performance monitoring are an integral part of school life. We look forward to developing that partnership with your support.

Throughout this handbook the term 'parent' has the meaning attributed in the Standards in Scotland's Schools Act 2000 and the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006. This includes grandparents, carer or anyone else who has parental responsibility for the child.

I am pleased to introduce this brochure for session 2020 - 2021 and hope that it will provide you with the information you need concerning your child's school. If you have any queries regarding the contents of the brochure please contact the Head Teacher of your child's school in the first instance who will be happy to offer any clarification you may need.

Alistair Gaw  
Executive Director of Communities and Families

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### Children and Families Vision

Our vision is for all children and young people in Edinburgh to enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential.

We believe that children and young people do best when:

- they are able to live safely and happily within their own families with the right kind of support as needed
- they attend first class, inclusive schools and early years settings which meet their needs

We will do all we can to strengthen support for families, schools and communities to meet their children's needs.

Our mission is to place children, young people and families at the heart of our service and provide support when it is needed throughout childhood and the transition to adulthood.

**In Edinburgh children and young people are at the heart of our vision for the future.**

As an inclusive community we work with parents, carers and, where appropriate, partner agencies to support all children and young people.

By working together, we help children and young people to develop understanding about relationships, respect, teamwork, honesty, fairness, patience, and compassion. We do this by offering interesting and relevant learning experiences, by providing our staff with the training and resources they need, and by working with the whole community to accept and care for one another. This isn't always easy, but we believe it is essential so that our children and young people understand the people they meet and learn how to work together to handle setbacks and difficult situations throughout their lives.

When children and young people experience adverse events or as a response to their additional support need, they let us know by reacting in different ways. This presents difficulties for those around them. By working together, by understanding the cause and working out solutions, we can find a way to solve or deal with a problem. If it takes time to get over a problem we will work with a child, young person, and their family to work out the best way forward. This may involve making adaptations and providing additional support or in exceptional circumstances identifying a change of environment.

We recognise that we all experience difficult times, and that everyone deserves the best possible care and support. In Edinburgh we support children and young people to learn in different ways according to their needs. As children and young people learn to read, write, and count some require more support than others do. This need for support arises for a variety of reasons learning difficulties, challenges with emotional regulation and social communication issues. We must meet the needs of all our students in a fair, compassionate, and proportionate way.

In considering how to support all children and young people reach their full potential it may not always be possible to arrive at a resolution all parties agree. However, we will listen to any parent, young person, child or member of staff and work together to resolve difficulties.

We are committed to do all we can to make Edinburgh an inclusive place to live and learn.



**Alistair Gaw**

**Executive Director for Communities and Families**

## Welcome from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Colinton Primary School Handbook for session 2020/21 - we are delighted to share information about our school with you.

This handbook offers an introduction to our school and a general overview of the education your child will be getting at school.

To make our handbook easy to use we have divided the information into five different sections: -

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| ➤ <b>Section One</b>   | <b>Practical Information about the School</b> |
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If you have any questions, or would like any further information on any aspect of this handbook or the education of your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

*Yvonne Moore*

Yvonne Moore  
Acting Head Teacher

## Section One – Practical Information about the School

This section deals with the practical aspects of your child’s attendance at our school. It provides details on such things as:

### Communicating with the School

This section provides you with some background information on our school and our nursery. It tells you how our school day and school year are made up and how to contact the school if, for example, your child is ill.

<b><u>Contact Details</u></b>		
Acting Head Teacher	Yvonne Moore	
Principal Teacher/s	David Morrison and Melissa Mitchell	
Business Manager	Rachel Gibbs	
Administrator	Wendy McGuigan	
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Twitter	@ColintonPrimary	
<b><u>About the School</u></b>		
Stages of Education provided for		
Present Roll	190	
Denominational status of the school	Non denominational	
Gaelic Medium Education (if relevant)	N/A	
<b><u>Organisation of the School Day</u></b>		
<b><i>Start Time</i></b>		
<b><i>Morning Break</i></b>	Mondays – Thursdays	Fridays
Lunch Time	12.10- 12.50pm/ 12.25- 1.05pm	
Afternoon Break	P1 and P2 2.20pm	
Finish Time	2.50pm / 3.10pm	12.05pm/ 12.25pm
P.E. days for pupils are (insert day of the week for each year group)	P.E. days are changed termly. Please see class newsletter.	
Assembly days for pupils are (insert day of the week for each year group)	Our assemblies are prepared by video each week and shared within the classroom.	

## Term dates

Term dates for the coming years can be found at: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schools/term-dates>

### School Session Dates 2020/21 – Updated June 2020

Staff resume		Monday	10 August *	2020
Staff only		Tuesday	11 August *	2020
Pupils resume		Wednesday	12 August	2020
Autumn Holiday	Schools closed	Monday	21 September	2020
All resume		Tuesday	22 September *	2020
Mid-term	All break	Friday	16 October	2020
Staff resume		Monday	26 October *	2020
Pupils resume		Tuesday	27 October	2020
Term ends		Tuesday	22 December	2020

Staff resume		Tuesday	5 January *	2021
Pupils resume		Wednesday	6 January	2021
Mid-term	All break	Friday	5 February	2021
All resume		Tuesday	16 February	2021
Term ends		Thursday	1 April	2021

<i>The Easter break incorporates the following two holidays</i>				
Good Friday	Schools closed	Friday	2 April	2021
Easter Monday	Schools closed	Monday	5 April	2021

All Resume		Tuesday	20 April	2021
May Day	Schools closed	Monday	3 May	2021
Staff only		Tuesday	4 May*	2021
Pupils resume		Wednesday	5 May	2021
Victoria Day	Schools closed	Monday	24 May	2021
All resume		Tuesday	25 May	2021
Term ends		Friday	25 June	2021

\* Five In-Service days for all schools.

## Registration and enrolment

The date for registration of new school entrants is advertised in all local nurseries, in the local press and on the council's website [www.edinburgh.gov.uk](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk).

Registration for Primary One and First Year Secondary takes place in November each year. Pupils should be registered in only one school for their catchment area. Parents will be provided with information about the school, when they register their child.

Parents who want to send their child to a school other than the catchment school must make a placing request. Please refer to section four of this handbook for more information on placing requests.

Parents of pupils who have moved into the catchment area or, who wish their child to transfer to the school, should contact the school office for information.

## Attendance and absence

It is the responsibility of parents of a child of school age to make sure that their child is educated.

Absence from school is recorded as

- authorised, that is approved by the Communities and Families department, or as
- unauthorised, that is unexplained by the parent (truancy).

Please let the school know by letter if it is a planned absence (e.g. hospital appointment) or phone by 9.00 a.m. on the day of your child's unplanned absence (e.g. sickness bug). If we do not receive a call, we will contact all of the emergency contacts to establish the reason. This will also alert parents/carers if their child does not appear for school.

**You should update the school on each day of your child's absence.** Please call before 9.00am. A message can be left on the answer machine.

**Please make every effort to avoid family holidays during term time as this will disrupt your child's education and reduces learning time.**

Headteachers can approve absences **up to** two school weeks (10 days) from school in certain situations. Any requests for extended absence over two school weeks (10 days) will be referred to the Senior Education Officer, who will decide if it will be recorded as authorised or unauthorised leave.

Please discuss your plans with your child's Headteacher before booking the holiday. If they cannot give permission before the holiday, it will be recorded as unauthorised absence. They can authorise a holiday if you can prove that work commitments make a family holiday impossible during school holiday times. Normally, your employer will need to provide evidence of your work commitments. Absence approved by the Headteacher on this basis is regarded as authorised absence.

Parents from minority ethnic religious communities may request that their children be permitted to be absent from school to celebrate recognised religious events. Absence approved on this basis is regarded as authorised absence. Extended leave can also be granted on request for families returning to their country of origin for cultural or care reasons.

A supportive approach is taken to unexplained absence. However, the Communities and Families department has legal powers to write to, interview or prosecute parents, or refer pupils to the Reporter to the Children's Panel, if necessary.

## **School Uniform**

Parents are asked to co-operate with the school in encouraging the wearing of the school uniform.

The school uniform was agreed in consultation with parents, pupils, staff and the Parent Council. It incorporates a range of popular items of dress, e.g. sweatshirts, T-shirts. Wearing school uniform contributes to a positive school ethos and helps avoid discrimination and reduces peer pressure to wear expensive designer clothing.

Uniform can be ordered from [WWW.BESCHOOLWEAR.CO.UK](http://WWW.BESCHOOLWEAR.CO.UK).

A school's reputation can also be enhanced in the local community by the wearing of school uniform and school security will be improved as it will be easier to identify intruders.

The appropriate clothing and footwear for PE is a T-shirt, shorts and gym shoes with non-marking soles. These are necessary for health and safety reasons and your co-operation is requested to ensure that pupils are equipped to participate in the PE lessons.

Please ensure that **all items of clothing are clearly labelled**, particularly ties, sweatshirts and PE equipment which are often lost.

A protective apron or an old shirt should be worn for art and craft activities.

Please help us by ensuring that pupils do not bring valuable or expensive items of clothing to school.

*In certain circumstances, appropriate clothing will be necessary for school activities for safety reasons, e.g. in games areas, science laboratories, technical workshops; this extends to the wearing of suitable footwear and even, on occasion, to the length of pupils' hair and the wearing of jewellery and earrings. Offensive clothing such as T-shirts or other items painted with obscene language or illustrations are not permitted. Football colours are also inappropriate as they can lead to incidents of rivalry.*

If you have any queries regarding the school's dress code, please contact the school office.

## School Meals

Menus offer healthy and tasty meal options while reflecting the Scottish Government food and drink legal requirements for school lunches.

Special diets and allergies are accommodated in consultation with parent/guardian and catering services.

Meal prices are reviewed annually. Please contact the School to be advised of the current price.

*Information on school meals can be found at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/foodinschools](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/foodinschools)*

## Free School Meals & Clothing Grants

A parent will qualify for Free School Meals and Clothing Grant if they meet any of the following conditions:

- Universal Credit (where your monthly earned income is not more than £610)
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £16,105
- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit and an income of up to £6,900

Your child might still get a free school meal if you're experiencing financial hardship. This could be because:

- your immigration status means you cannot get help from the government
- you're still waiting on your first Universal Credit notice

Clothing Grants are paid direct into a nominated bank account. The payment will show in the bank statement as 'CEC-EXPEN1'.

Children in P1-P3 get the universal Free School Meal but an application should be made so they qualify for both free school meal and a clothing grant.

Each award is valid for one school year. The award provides

- each child with one school meal and milk each day they attend school
- a clothing grant payment of £100 for each child.

We pay one clothing grant per year, per child, into your bank account. Most clothing grants are paid throughout July and August before the new school year begins.

**Information on free school meals and clothing grants and how to apply is available on the website: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolgrants>**

## **Travel to and from School**

We encourage our pupils to walk to school as the majority of our pupils live in the school catchment. Parents are requested, when dropping off/collecting children from school that they do not park in any location which causes an obstruction and they take care not to restrict the view of the school crossing patrol.

Please leave Disabled Parking free for our families who have a blue badge who require them to get their child to school on time.

## **Transport for Primary and Secondary School Children (Excluding Placing Requests)**

### **General Supervision**

**Before school begins supervision is parental responsibility**, therefore pupils should not arrive at school until as near to the school start time as possible.

Some schools offer Breakfast Clubs which have their own supervision arrangements prior to the start of the school day.

Breakfast club operates from 7.45am daily. Spaces can be booked by emailing the school.

During intervals support staff supervise the children. There is always access to the building and toilets, and the children are made aware of this.

### **School Security**

The safety and security of pupils and staff when attending or working in a school is very important to us. Schools use a number of security measures including visitors' books, badges and escorts, while visitors are within the school building.

Normally, anyone calling at a school for any reason will be asked to report to the school office. The school staff then can make the necessary arrangements for the visit. We would respectfully ask that parents do not attempt to enter schools through another entrance, unless supervised by a member of staff.

If you wish to speak to a member of staff then please come to the school office where we shall be happy to arrange this for you.

### **Wet Weather Arrangements**

In wet weather pupils are allowed into school during breaks and at lunchtime. However, as supervision during these periods is limited, it is especially important that they exercise good behaviour. Children having school lunches may remain in school during wet weather but again, supervision is limited. Children who go home for lunch should, where possible, return as late in the lunchtime as possible

## Unexpected Closures

In the event of an emergency, such as a power cut or severe weather, that prevents schools from opening in the morning or results in an early closure a range of communications channels are used to let parents know.

Parents/Carers will be emailed/text via Groupcall.

In addition, announcements will be made on local radio stations and via the Council's corporate Twitter account [www.twitter.com/Edinburgh\\_CC](http://www.twitter.com/Edinburgh_CC) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/edinburghcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/edinburghcouncil).

If many schools are affected, or the situation is likely to be prolonged, then the Council's website <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolclosures> will also be used.

*Mobile phones* - **The benefits of mobile phones are recognised. Many young people and their parents regard them as an essential means of communication. Mobile phones can continue to be brought into schools however the following limitations will apply in our school. Mobile phones should remain switched off during the school day and stored securely.**

## Complaints, Comments and Suggestions Procedure

We all hope that you will be completely satisfied about your child's education and we encourage feedback on our services from parents and pupils. We are, therefore, interested in feedback of all kinds, whether it be compliments, suggestions or complaints.

If you want to register a comment of any type about our school you can do this by writing, e-mailing, telephoning or making an appointment to see someone. All feedback is welcome and keeps us in touch.

If, in particular, you have a complaint about the school, please let us know. It is better that these things are shared openly and resolved fairly, rather than being allowed to damage the relationship between the family and the school. There will be no negative consequences arising from making a complaint and we will deal with the issue as confidentially as possible.

There are some things which you should take note of in relation to making a complaint:

- Please make any complaints initially to the Headteacher. This makes sure that the school knows what is going on and has an opportunity to respond and resolve the issue.
- We will try to respond as quickly as possible, but often issues are complex and we need time to investigate.
- If you are dissatisfied with the service or/and with our response then you will have the right to take the matter further and contact Advice and Complaints Service (Schools and Lifelong Learning) email: [cf.complaints@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:cf.complaints@edinburgh.gov.uk) or by telephone: 0131 469 3233.

If you remain dissatisfied after the further investigation and reply you can take the matter up with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, our reply will include the contact details.

## **Health and Safety**

Within the general policy laid down by The City of Edinburgh Council, the Communities & Families Department has prepared and has continuing development of, safety policy statements for all areas of its responsibility and accordingly manages health and safety and welfare in a way that complies with health and safety statutory and regulatory requirements, and all relevant approved codes of practice and guidance.

School staff are fully instructed in their responsibilities in this respect, and safety regulations apply to all aspects of school life, both on and off the premises.

It is expected that pupils will behave responsibly and comply with all safety requirements.

The support of parents/carers in promoting good practice in health and safety matters is of great importance to the school.

## **Information about how we manage pupil data in schools/ELC settings**

Colinton Primary School has a legal responsibility to deliver an effective educational programme to its pupils. In order to do this, we need to collect personal data about our pupils/children and their families so that we can help them learn and keep them safe. The type of personal data we will collect include:

### **Data about our pupils/children and their families**

This will include the name, address and contact details of the pupil/child and relevant family members. It will also include information about relevant medical conditions, any additional supports which are needed, and their family situation. We need this information to ensure we know our pupils/children and their families, and to ensure we are able to educate them appropriately and keep them safe.

We will also collect personal data relating to personal characteristics, such as ethnic group to enable statistics to be reported. We need this information so the Council can ensure it is delivering education appropriately to all its citizens.

### **Data about pupils/children at school/within ELC setting**

This will include data about progress, assessments, and exam results. It will also include records of attendance, absence, and any exclusions. We need this information to understand how our pupils/children are progressing, and to assess how we can help them to achieve their best.

### **Data about when and where they go after they leave us**

This will include information about their next setting/school, career paths or intended destinations. We need this information to ensure we support our pupils/children in all their transitions and do all that we can to help their future be a success.

There will be times where we also receive information about them from other organisations, such as a pupils' previous school, the previous local authority where that school or ELC setting was based, NHS Lothian, Police Scotland, Social work, Additional Support Services, and sometimes other organisations or groups connected to a pupil's education. We use this data similarly to the above: to support our pupils' learning, monitor and report on their progress, provide appropriate pastoral care; and assess the quality of our services.

When we collect and use personal data within school/ELC setting, and for the reasons detailed above, we will normally be acting in accordance with our public task. Occasionally we are also required to process personal data because the law requires us to do so, or because it is necessary to protect someone's life.

We will also take photographs in school/ELC setting and display them on our walls, and in newsletters and other communications. We do this in order to celebrate and share what we have done, including individual achievements and successes. We consider this use of images to be part of our public task as it helps us build an effective community which supports learning. We will not, however, publish these photographs on social media or in newspapers without permission. Consent for this use will be sought when a pupil/child joins Colinton Primary School and will be kept on record while they are with us. Consent can be withdrawn at any time, please just let us know.

Sometimes we need to share pupil information with other organisations. We are required, by law, to pass certain information about our pupils to the Scottish Government and the Council. This data is for statistical purposes and will normally be anonymised. It is normally required to enable the Council, and the Government, to understand how education is being delivered and to help them plan for future provision. Further information about what the Scottish Government does with statistical data it receives is provided below.

If a pupil/child moves schools/ELC settings, we have a legal obligation to pass on information to their new school/education authority about their education at Colinton Primary School/Nursery.

When we record and use personal data, we will only collect and use what we need. We will keep it securely, and it will only be accessed by those that need to. We will not keep personal data for longer than is necessary and follow the Council's Record Retention Schedule and archival procedures when records are identified to be of historical value and require to be retained in the Edinburgh City Archives.

For more information on how the Council uses personal data, and to know more about your information rights including who to contact if you have a concern, see the [City Of Edinburgh's Privacy Notice](#).

### **Sharing personal data to support Wellbeing**

In addition to the above, Colinton Primary School has a legal duty to promote, support and safeguard the wellbeing of children in our care.

Wellbeing concerns can cover a range of issues depending on the needs of the child. Staff are trained to identify when children and families can be supported and records are kept when it is thought that a child could benefit from help available in the school/ELC setting, community or another professional. You can expect that we will tell you if we are concerned about your child's wellbeing and talk to you about what supports might help in the circumstances. Supports are optional and you will not be required to take them up.

If it would be helpful to share information with someone else, we will discuss this with you and seek your consent before we share it so that you know what is happening and why. The only time we will not seek consent to share information with another organisation is if we believe that a child may be at risk of harm. In these situations, we have a duty to protect children, which means we do not need consent. On these

occasions, we will normally tell you that information is being shared, with whom, and why – unless we believe that doing so may put the child at risk of harm.

We will not give information about our pupils to anyone without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

## **Sharing educational data with the Scottish Government**

The following information has been provided by the Scottish Government – Education and Training Division to let you know why they collect statistical information from school and what they do with it:

Education authorities and the Scottish Government collected data about pupils on paper forms for many years. We now work together with schools to transfer data electronically through the ScotXed programme. Thus the Scottish Government has two functions: acting as a ‘hub’ for supporting data exchange within the education system in Scotland and the analysis of data for statistical purposes within the Scottish Government itself.

### **What pupil data is collected and transferred?**

Data on each pupil is collected by schools, local authorities and the Scottish Government.

The data collected and transferred covers areas such as date of birth, Scottish Candidate Number (SCN), postcode, registration for free-school meals, whether a pupil is looked after by his/her local authority, additional support needs including disability and English as an Additional Language (EAL), and attendance, absence and exclusions from school.

The SCN acts as the unique pupil identifier. Pupil names and addresses are not passed to the Scottish Government. Your postcode is the only part of your address that is transferred for statistical purposes, and postcodes are grouped to identify ‘localities’ rather than specific addresses. Data is held securely and no information on individual pupils can or would be published by the Scottish Government.

Providing national identity and ethnic background data is entirely voluntary. You can choose the ‘not disclosed’ option if you do not want to provide this data. However, we hope that the explanations contained in this message and on the ScotXed website will help you understand the importance of providing the data.

### **Why do we need your data?**

In order to make the best decisions about how to improve our education service, the Scottish Government, education authorities and other partners such as the Scottish Qualifications Authority 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.

## Your data protection rights

The collection, transfer, processing and sharing of ScotXed data is done in accordance with the Data Protection Act (2018). 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 message can give only a brief description of how we use data. Fuller details of the use of pupil data can be found on the ScotXed website ([www.scotxed.net](http://www.scotxed.net)).

The Scottish Government works with a range of partners including Education Scotland and the SQA. On occasion, we will make individual data available to partners and also academic institutions to carry out research and statistical analysis. In addition, we will provide our partners with information they need in order to fulfil their official responsibilities. Any sharing of data will be done under the strict control of the Scottish Government, which will ensure that no individual level data will be made public as a result of the data sharing and that these data will not be used to take any actions in respect of an individual. Decisions on the sharing of data will be taken in consultation with colleagues within and out with the Scottish Government.

## Concerns

If you have any concerns about the ScotXed data collections you can email the Senior Statistician, [scotxed@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:scotxed@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or write to The ScotXed Support Office, Area 1B, 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 Nursing Team

The School Nursing team is made up of the

- **School Nurse** (Specialist Qualified 3rd part Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) registrant – now masters level 11 post graduate degree)
- **Community Staff Nurses** (Registered Nurse on Part 1 of NMC – undergraduate degree)
- **Community Health Assistants** (not a nurse, may have SVQ qualifications in care related field)

## **Services provided : Universal Services for All School Age Children:**

### Child Health Surveillance Programme

- P1 eye tests by Health Assistant - (only for those who did not receive this preschool in nursery)
- Growth Measurements by Health Assistant– currently at Primary 1 and Parent health Questionnaire (this may change in the future dependant on Scottish Government obesity strategy and the Health Visitor assessment at 4-5 years preschool)
- Primary 7 health questionnaire - growth measurement may be added in the future linked to Scottish Government obesity prevention work
- Drop in Services - a drop in health zone for High School Pupils (either in school or community facility) who are seeking advice or support on sexual health and health related issues

### Education of Staff and Pupils

- Staff training – CPD in-service days on health actions plans, anaphylaxis etc – will be usually be delivered by the staff nurse
- Healthcare Plans for pupils - education staff will be supported by staff nurses on the planning and education

## **Healthcare Needs of Children with Moderate to Complex Physical Nursing Needs:**

- For children in Complex Needs Schools, nursing care needs will be delivered by the nursing team who are based in these designated schools

## **School Nurse Services for Children/Young People with Increased Needs:**

10 key areas specialist school nurses will focus on:

- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Substance Misuse
- Child Protection
- Domestic Abuse
- Looked After Children
- Homelessness
- Youth Justice
- Young Carers
- Sexual Health
- Transitions

## **How to Refer**

Children can be referred to the School Nurse by their school or their GP or other health care professional. Children and young people can also self-refer. They can do this by discussing this at drop ins or asking their teacher/ guidance teacher to refer them. Parents can refer by discussing with their GP or child's teacher/ guidance teacher.

## **Further information**

Our NHS Lothian School Nursing Service web pages:

<https://services.nhsllothian.scot/SchoolNursing>

## Who Does What

- **GP** – all regular family health care
- **CAMHS** – Child and Adolescent Mental Health – Specialist service
- **Hospital Paediatric** – medical/surgical and other specialist services
- **Community Paediatrician** – doctors in community child health
- **CCN Team** – Community Children’s Nurses - specialist paediatric trained nurses
- **AHPs** – Allied Health Professionals - speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietetics, orthoptics – referral based service
- **CVT** – Community Vaccination Team - nurses who deliver vaccination services to all age groups
- **Learning Disability Services** – where there is LD diagnosis
- **Oral Health – Dental** – prevention and treatment service
- **LAC – Looked After Children** - nurses who work only with looked after children. When notified by Social Work that a child has become looked after, the LAC nurses will undertake a health assessment. They may refer to school nursing for ongoing reviews and wider support.

### *Head Lice*

*Head lice are spread through head to head contact at home, while playing or in school.*

*Regular wet combing of your child’s hair using a head lice detection comb is the best way to catch this possible problem at an early stage.*

*The only way to be sure that your child has head lice is to find a live louse. If you find live lice, get the correct lotion from your doctor, health visitor or pharmacist. Shampoos and other treatments are not effective.*

*One treatment is two applications of the treatment lotion, seven days apart. If this is not followed then re-infection is likely.*

*Advise family members and close friends that your child has head lice and that they should check their own hair. Only treat if live lice are found. Don’t be shy about advising others of this possible problem because you would likely tell family and friends about other infections which might affect them.*

*Regular wet combing of your child’s hair with the head lice detector comb is the best protection as it allows you to detect the condition and treat it speedily.*

## **Medicine Administration**

*If your child has any medical needs which require medication, please contact the school office in the first instance. Appropriate guidance, including Health Care plans etc. will be provided.*

*No medication should be brought into school without first informing the school office. All medication should be in its original box with prescription, labelled with your child’s name and date of birth.*

*Please contact the school office by email [admin@colinton.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@colinton.edin.sch.uk) should you require any further support.*

### **Use of social media**

Colinton Primary School understands the benefits of using social media; however if misused, our school community can be negatively affected, such as by damaging the school's reputation. We advise parents, and carers to conduct themselves on social media using the following three commons approach to online behaviour:

- Common courtesy
- Common decency
- Common sense

### **Parental Requests for class lists**

Information about your child is held securely and appropriate safeguards are in place. Due to these safeguards we are unable to provide parents and carers with the list of names your child is classmates with.

### **Other School Policies**

<i>For access to our school policies please contact of Senior management team on <a href="mailto:admin@colinton.edin.sch.uk">admin@colinton.edin.sch.uk</a></i>
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## **Section Two – Parental Involvement in the School**

Parental involvement is very important as we know it helps children do better in school.

This section contains information about how parents can be involved in supporting learning at home as part of a home – school partnership.

You can also find out more about the ethos of our school, what our values are and our aspirations for our pupils including how we celebrate pupil success, and links we have with partner organisations and the wider local, national and international community.

Lastly, it includes information on our Parent Teacher Association/Parent Association and Parent Council, how to contact them and how parents can get involved in the life and work of the school.

### **Equality**

City of Edinburgh Council is committed to improving the quality of life for those who face inequality, harassment, discrimination and prejudice and to harness the talent and celebrate the difference of all who live in the city. This commitment is set out in the Equality, Diversity and Rights Framework which can be viewed on the council's website. As a school, we are committed to fulfilling our obligation of equity and excellence for all learners, with particular reference to protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 (race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion/belief, age, marriage or civil partnership, transgender status or pregnancy/maternity) and other factors such as poverty.

## **Vision**

At Colinton Primary our school vision is:- ‘Learning and achieving together, nurturing creative and inquisitive minds to fulfil their potential.’

## **Values**

We are committed to supporting the development of the whole pupil and as a result, wish to encourage their development in spiritual, moral, social and cultural terms.

Our school values are: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

These values have been developed with our learners, staff and parents to embody our community here at Colinton Primary.

These key human aspects of learning are supported through the following arrangements by:-

- Creating a school ethos which, in every way possible, gives value to these aspects of development, especially by providing an overall atmosphere that is both caring and challenging and which provides opportunities for the development of personal responsibility.
- Promoting social and moral learning through the way in which disciplinary issues are handled.
- Ensuring that staff and adults within the school provide positive models for pupils.
- Arranging regular gatherings of the school as a community and using such occasions to encourage and reinforce the values on which the school is based.
- Enriching the curriculum in all appropriate areas with an emphasis on spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Providing opportunities within the curriculum to advance personal and social development.
- Providing a programme of religious education in which consideration will be given to responses to basic questions relating to the meaning, value and purpose of human life.
- Providing a programme of moral education.
- Taking every appropriate opportunity to acknowledge, value and appreciate the various cultures and heritage of the pupils and to encourage them to appreciate and value the cultures and heritage of others.

## **Promoting Positive Behaviour**

We want to engage directly with parents to foster and develop our positive ethos. To work together to maintain and support shared learning community values and excellent home/school communication. We want to work together to address, prevent and resolve any difficulties should they arise and to build on our strengths together.’

We have a small number of easily remembered rules. These are summarised in three short phrases:

1. Be Ready
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Safe

These form the basis of all our conversations in relation to behavioural expectations. It is helpful if parents can also discuss these rules / values with their children if there has been an incident in school. The purpose of these conversations is to find solutions and develop skills that will prevent problems in the future.

Our values / rules and ethos are:

1. Respect
2. Responsibility and
3. Resilience

We believe that these rules help children to understand how we can work together to create a positive, caring and supportive community. We use the language of our shared values when discussing our expectations of behaviour.

Our values and rules are fully explained in our 'Better Relationships, Better Learning, Better Behaviour' policy and procedure which can be found on our website.

## **Preventing and Responding to Bullying and Prejudice Behaviour Among Children and Young People**

City of Edinburgh Council have recently updated their anti-bullying guidance.

The guidance for schools supports our commitment to equalities and the wellbeing and protection of children and young people from bullying and prejudice by other children and young people and aims to prevent bullying and prejudicial behaviours and attitudes. It aims to develop positive relationships with all members of school communities and partnerships as part of our approach to getting it right for every child, creating communities that allow children to be Safe, Healthy, Active, Nurtured, Achieving, Respected, Responsible and Included.

To support and further improve the positive relationship within schools, equalities groups, which have a wide representation of all stakeholders and reflect the diversity of the school community, will work to take forward the key messages that are included in the guidelines and to ensure that all children have access to support, have their views listened and responded to and are involved in the decisions that will make continue to make their school a place to feel safe, happy and nurturing.

We are committed to equalities and the wellbeing and protection children and young people from bullying and prejudice by other children and young people. All schools have a procedure which is informed by the overarching 'Preventing and Responding to Bullying amongst Children and Young People' procedure. We recognise that policy and procedures alone will not address the prevention of bullying; through our core

practices (Relationships, Rights Respecting, Resilience, Restorative) we aim to build positive relationships and a culture and ethos which ensure respect, equality and inclusion. We promote anti-bullying and anti-discriminatory attitudes and behaviours through preventative, pro-active and responsive approaches.

Bullying and discriminatory behaviours are not tolerated. The school will put in place appropriate support for all children and young people involved in a bullying incident. Children who display bullying behaviour will be supported to identify the feelings and views that have caused them to act in this way and challenged, through education and learning, to develop alternative ways of behaving. Partnership with parents is instrumental to our approach to preventing and responding to bullying and in cases of bullying it is important that all parents involved work with the school to resolve the problems in the best interests of their child.

## **Parental Involvement**

We welcome parental involvement and engagement, as research has shown that when parents are involved children do better in school.

All parents are welcomed and encouraged to:

- be involved with their child's education and learning;
- be active participants in the life of the school; and
- express their views on school education generally and work in partnership with their children's schools.

***We look forward to welcoming you to Colinton. Although this year our arrangements will be slightly different to adhere to our Covid-19 guidance.***

Please contact our admin team to enquire about places at our school.

A member of our senior management team will contact you to discuss your move to Colinton Primary and welcome you to our school community.

We have a page on our website that is dedicated to transition to Colinton Primary at all levels. <https://colintonprimary.com/transition/>

We can offer a walk around our school grounds with a member of our team to introduce you to our environment.

## **Parent/Carer Consultations and reports**

Under normal circumstances we would have two consultation through out the academic year, with a summative pupil report issued in June.

Due to ongoing Covid-19 meetings will be held through Microsoft Teams or phonecall.

In June each year your child (P3-7) will receive a written progress report

## **Learning Journals**

Nursery to P2 have a learning journal online that we will use to track and chronicle their learning through early level and the start of first level. These can be accessed online at

<https://colintonprimary.yourlearningjournals.co.uk/Login.aspx> or by downloading the Parent App available on Android or Apple.

You will be able to see photos of the learning that is taking place in the N-P2 classrooms and find out about their progress in learning. We actively encourage you to upload photos and comments from home.

These will replace the progress report in June.

## **Contacting your child's teacher**

Please feel free to send your child's teacher an email through our [admin@colinton.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@colinton.edin.sch.uk) mailbox. Your email will be sent on to the correct member of staff who will endeavour to reply as soon as they are able.

## **Virtual Open Afternoons**

Through out the year you will have the opportunity to attend our virtual open afternoons to hear information on numeracy and literacy as well as other curricular areas.

## **Parent Forum and Parent Councils**

All parents/carers are automatically members of the Parent Forum at their child's school. As a member of the Parent Forum all parents can expect to –

- receive information about the school and its activities;
- hear about what partnership with parents means in our school;
- be invited to be involved in ways and times that suit you;
- identify issues you want the parent council, to work on with the school;
- be asked your opinion by the parent council on issues relating to the school and the education it provides;
- work in partnership with staff; and
- enjoy taking part in the life of the school in whatever way possible.

The Parent Forum decides how their representatives on the Parent Council are chosen and how the Parent Council operates. It is important to us that our Parent Council represents the rich diversity of our school community. We warmly invite all parents to volunteer or put themselves forward as representatives on the Parent Council. Parent Councils are the formal representative body for parents/carers with children attending school. Parent Councils are different in each school to enable them to meet the needs of parents/carers locally.

The main aims of the Parent Council are:

- To support the school in its work with pupils
- To represent the views of parents
- To promote contact between the school, parents, pupils, providers of nursery education and the community
- To report to the Parent Forum
- To be involved in the appointment of senior promoted staff.
- To raise funds for the school for the benefit of pupils (in some schools the PSA/PTA/PA fulfils this role).

**Parent Council Chair: Mr Paul Whyte [colintonparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:colintonparentcouncil@gmail.com)**

For more information on parental involvement or to find out about parents as partners in their children's learning, please contact the school or visit the Parentzone website at [www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk](http://www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk).

Connect is the national organisation for PTAs and PAs in Scotland, Parent Councils can join too, and it runs an independent helpline service for all parents.

The National Parent Forum of Scotland has been set up to give Parent Councils and parents an opportunity to discuss and raise educational issues of mutual interest or concerns at a national level.

### **Section Three – School Curriculum**

This section describes how the curriculum is planned and delivered in our school including the range of subjects and subject areas your child will be learning. It also includes information on how pupils develop skills for learning, life and work, including literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing in and out of the classroom.

As well as giving you information about the statutory curriculum requirements we have included details on sports and outdoor activities available to pupils and the range of facilities available within the school.

Details of how parents will be informed about sensitive aspects of learning e.g. relationships, sexual health, parenthood and drugs awareness are included as well as information about religious instruction and observance and arrangements for parents who wish to exercise their right to withdraw their child.

### **Curriculum for Excellence: Bringing learning to life and life to learning**

Curriculum for Excellence is the curriculum across Scotland for all 3-18 year olds – wherever they learn. It aims to raise standards; preparing our children for a future they do not yet know and equip them for jobs of tomorrow in a fast changing world.

Teachers and practitioners will share information to plan a child's 'learning journey' from 3-18, helping their progression from nursery to primary, primary to secondary and beyond, ensuring each transition is smooth. They'll ensure children continue to work at a pace they can cope with and with challenge they can thrive on.

Curriculum for Excellence balances the importance of knowledge and skills. Every child is entitled to a broad and deep general education, whatever their level and ability. Every single teacher and practitioner will be responsible for the development of literacy and numeracy from Early Level through to Senior Phase.

It develops skills for learning, life and work, bringing real life into the classroom, making learning relevant and helping young people apply lessons to their life beyond the classroom. It links knowledge in one subject area to another helping make connections in their learning. It develops skills which can enable children to think for themselves, make sound judgements, challenge, enquire and find solutions.

There is an entitlement to personal support to help young people fulfil their potential and make the most of their opportunities with additional support wherever that's needed. There is an emphasis by all staff on looking after our children's health and wellbeing using the Wellbeing Indicators.

Ultimately, Curriculum for Excellence aims to improve our children's life chances, to nurture successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors, and responsible citizens, building on Scotland's reputation for great education.

### **Blended Learning**

Blended Learning can be defined as a mix of traditional and digital technologies that are blended together in a way that helps learners to learn more productively. We are in an unprecedented time of change with our schools planning how their blended learning model will work. We continue to work hard to provide high quality learning, teaching and assessment for all learners. This is a journey that will take full account of the needs of our communities. As we move into our new school year, you may be wondering what your child's learning may look like.

Blended Learning is a mix of face-to-face learning in school, outdoor and digital learning. This includes learning at home. These are blended together in a way that will ensure progress and enjoyment in learning for your child.

Blended learning in each school will include a balance of face to face learning, outdoor learning and digital learning. This will look different in each school. Schools will need time to develop their blended learning model that suits their context. Schools are required to do this within their own Working Time Agreements which are reviewed by the relevant Trade Unions. As children and young people return to school, staff will proportion their time between face to face in school teaching, outdoor and learning at home.

### **Active Learning**

Curriculum for Excellence emphasises the value of an active learning approach. In the early years, children will have a range of learning experiences that include planned and purposeful play and stimulating learning which engages and challenges children's thinking using real life and imaginary situations. As children progress through school they continue to be involved in active learning experiences which are engaging and give them ownership of their own learning.

## **Learning Through Play**

Research shows play-based learning has a positive and lasting impact on children's learning, teaches them skills relevant to the 21st century. Integrating learning and outdoor experiences, whether through play in the immediate grounds or adventures further afield, provides relevance and depth to the curriculum. Early Years Practitioners and teaching staff use a play-based approach that involves both child-initiated and teacher-supported learning that encourages children's inquiry through interactions that aim to stretch their thinking to higher levels.

## **Planning Children's and Young People's Learning**

Teachers in nursery, primary and secondary schools share their learning intentions with pupils, parents and carers. This takes place on a day-to-day basis, by agreeing the aims of an individual piece of work.

Longer-term planning also takes place in a variety of forms. Class teachers use long term plans to outline the structure of the year, which demonstrates how learning is organised through out the whole year. Our medium term planning is kept short and focussed on the main learning activities developed from the Experiences and Outcomes which are grouped together in ways which best suit the learners. Short term planning, on a daily or weekly basis, is flexible and used to help organise the learning.

## **Assessment**

As pupils progress through our school, teachers use a range of assessment strategies, including Assessment for Learning strategies as well as setting tests. Pupils are also involved in assessing their own progress and developing their next steps.

Pupils in P1, P4, P7 and S3 complete online standardised assessments in literacy and numeracy as part of everyday teaching and learning. The assessments help to identify children's progress, providing diagnostic information that support teachers' professional judgement. The information provided by the assessments helps teachers to assess children's progress and to plan next steps in learning.

The senior phase (S4-S6) builds on the broad general education by continuing to develop learners' knowledge, understanding and skills. National Qualifications are designed to be flexible. Discussions are held with young people and parents on the most appropriate learning pathways.

We recognise that all pupils do not develop and progress at the same rate and, therefore, we use both group and individual methods to ensure that all pupils are given appropriate instruction and the opportunity to succeed. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you have any concerns about your child's progress.

## **Homework**

At Colinton Primary we believe that home learning is important. It gives parents and insight into what their child is doing in class and provides opportunities to reinforce learning. Class pages can be found on our website : <https://colintonprimary.com/>

The homework will be organised according to the stage and ability of the child, it can arise from all curricular areas, and it may include written, oral or practical activities. The tasks set will be interesting, worthwhile and challenging for the child.

However, learning is not just about school. We believe that activities outside school, such as sporting and musical opportunities, hobbies and uniformed organisations such as Brownies or cubs and spending time exploring with family, give children opportunities for wider achievement and different social interactions. It is all about balance.

Parental interest and co-operation in ensuring homework is undertaken is appreciated.

In P6 we cover the Curriculum for Excellence Experiences and Outcomes about Our Body, including the reproductive system. We invite all parents to access the content of the course at <https://rshp.scot/> and speak with a member of the school leadership team if you have any questions.

## **Religious Instruction and Observance**

Parents who wish to exercise their right to withdraw their child from religious observance should contact the head teacher, in writing, and alternative arrangements will be made for your child.

## **Extra Curricular Activities**

Due to Covid-19 our extra curricular programme is not currently running. In a normal year we would offer a wide a range of sporting and cultural activities as possible.

## **.Active Schools**

The fundamental aim of Active Schools is to give school-aged children the tools, motivation and the opportunities to be more active throughout their school years and into adulthood. These opportunities are available before, during and after school, as well as in the wider community. For further information contact the Active Schools Coordinator Lorna Norman on [lorna.norman@ea.edin.sch.uk](mailto:lorna.norman@ea.edin.sch.uk) .

## **Section Four – Support for Pupils**

This section gives information about how pupils' additional support needs will be identified and addressed and the types of specialist services provided within our school.

### **Getting It Right for Every Child**

Taking care of our children's well-being and making sure they are alright - even before they are born - helps us ensure the most positive outcomes for them later in life. It gives them the potential to grow up ready to succeed and play their part in society. Our school adopts the Getting it right for every child in Edinburgh approach to give the right help to children, young people and families, when they need it from a joined up multi agency team.

Getting it right for every child aims to improve outcomes for all children and young people. It promotes a shared approach that:

- builds solutions with and around children and families
- enables children to get the help they need when they need it
- supports a positive shift in culture, systems and practice
- involves working together to make things better

Getting it right for every child is the foundation for work with all children and young people, including adult services where parents are involved. It builds on universal health and education services, and is embedded in the developing early years and youth frameworks. Developments in the universal services of health and education, such as Better Health Better Care and Curriculum for Excellence, are identifying what needs to be done in those particular areas to improve outcomes for children.

### **Protecting Children and Young People**

We place a high priority on the well-being and safety of our pupils. To this end we have in place a personal safety programme to give pupils knowledge and life skills to keep them safe from all form of abuse. Where we have concerns that a child about the possible abuse of pupils we are required to follow the Edinburgh and the Lothian's Inter-Agency Child Protection Procedures which set out the specific duties and responsibilities towards the child and their parents/carers.

### **Additional Support Needs**

As with all local authority schools in Scotland, this school operates under the terms of the Additional Support for Learning Act (2009) and it's accompanying Code of Practice: <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/additional-support/the-additional-support-for-learning-act/>

It provides the following information:

- (a) the authority's policy in relation to provision for additional support needs,*
- (b) the arrangements made by the authority in making appropriate arrangement for keeping under consideration the additional support needs of each such child and*

*young person and the particular additional support needs of the children and young persons so identified.*

*c) the other opportunities available under this Act for the identification of children and young persons who -*

*a) have additional support needs,*

*b) require, or would require, a co-ordinated support plan,*

*c) the role of parents, children and young persons in the arrangements referred to in paragraph (b),*

*d) the mediation services provided*

*e) the officer or officers of the authority from whom parents of children having additional support needs, and young persons having such needs, can obtain advice and further information about provision for such needs.*

Further details of the policies and procedures can be found on Edinburgh Council website.

The Act requires each Education Authority to publish information about the Act. In on the Act, was produced by the City of Edinburgh Council:  
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/22136/in-on-the-act>

## **Literacy Difficulties/ Dyslexia**

*Dyslexia is evident when accurate and fluent word reading and/or spelling develops very incompletely or with great difficulty. This focuses on literacy learning at the 'word level' and implies that the problem is severe and persistent despite appropriate learning opportunities.*

*The Authority also recognises that there may be **associated difficulties***

- Reading comprehension
- Phonological awareness
- Processing: auditory and/or visual processing of language-based information
- Short-term and working memory
- Organisational skills and motor skills
- Maths
- Emotional and behavioural difficulties

*Support and assessment begin in the classroom. Class teachers and Support for Learning teachers have resources and training to identify this learning difference and to put appropriate support strategies in place.*

*If you have concerns please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.*

## English as an Additional Language

The Communities and Families Department provides English as an Additional Language (EAL) support for schools. Specialist EAL Teachers work with schools to support developing bilingual learners' English language skills and access to all areas of the curriculum, to enable them to achieve their potential.

We work with other agencies and professionals – for example, Social Work Services, Educational Psychology Service, National Health Service and you the parent to make decisions with regards to the best possible education to meet the needs of your child within the resources available.

Parents, carers and children with additional support needs can also seek independent advice and support through:

- Enquire: [www.enquire.org.uk](http://www.enquire.org.uk) Telephone 0845 123 2303
- Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance, [www.siaa.org.uk](http://www.siaa.org.uk) Telephone 0131 260 5380 Take
- Note: (National Advocacy Service for Additional Support Needs) (Barnados in association with the Scottish Child Law Centre) [www.sclc.org.uk](http://www.sclc.org.uk) Telephone 0131 667 6633.

**Should you require any further advice or support with additional support for learning, please contact our SFL teacher Mrs K Hood**  
[admin@colinton.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@colinton.edin.sch.uk)

## Transitions – Moving to a New School or Leaving School

This section also gives information about transition.

There are also details about making a placing request to another school.

## Nursery Class Provision

The school's nursery class provides 20 full-time, term-time places for children aged 3 - 5 years.

Nursery class provision is non-denominational. This means that all nurseries are open to children and parents of all religions and beliefs. Placement in the nursery class does not guarantee a place in the primary school.

## Transfer from Nursery to Primary

Before leaving nursery, a transfer of information record for each child will be prepared by nursery staff to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of education for the child transferring to primary.

## Primary School Admissions

Starting school is a very important milestone both for children and their parents. The vast majority of our parents choose their local, catchment school and we plan our

education provision to ensure we can provide places for new pupils at their catchment school.

In the run-up to November's registration week for the new Primary 1 intake each school will offer an opportunity for you to visit them. You can speak to staff to find out more about the school first-hand. You can see how the school runs; discuss the curriculum and their priorities as well as seeing recent examples of pupils' work on display. In many cases you may also have the chance to meet other parents who already have children there. All of this will help you understand the school's unique character and give you an insight into the learning environment that your child could enjoy there.

All our schools offer a high quality educational experience and hope to work with parents and carers to support their children.

### **Primary to Secondary Transfer**

Visits to our local secondary school are organised before the summer holidays and children from other catchment schools who will be attending the same secondary school will have the opportunity to meet and get to know each other and their teachers. While the children are participating in classroom activities and meeting their class teacher, parents will have an opportunity to view the school and are given a brief explanation of school life.

If you wish your child to attend a secondary school other than the catchment denominational or non-denominational secondary school for your home address, you will be required to make a Placing Request as detailed in the Placing Request section below.

You do not need to submit a Placing Request if you want your child to transfer from a non-denominational secondary school or vice-versa at the primary to secondary transfer stage, as long as the intended secondary school is still the catchment school for your home address. Parents of children who are planning to change from denominational to non-denominational or vice-versa between primary and secondary school should ensure that both the primary school and the intended secondary school know what is to happen.

Colinton Primary has a very robust procedure for welcoming children into our school and also helping with the transition to other schools within Scotland, UK and the world. All of our staff are highly skilled when helping children to settle into their new learning environment.

Should you have any questions prior to your move to Colinton Primary, please telephone or email our admin team who would be happy to help.

### **Catchment Secondary School**

The catchment secondary school is Firrhill High School, 9 Oxgangs Road North, Edinburgh, EH14 1DP. Telephone 0131 441 4501 website [www.firrhill.org](http://www.firrhill.org).

## Placing Requests

As a parent, if you don't want your child(ren) to be educated in your local catchment school, you have the right to make a Placing Request for your child(ren) to attend another school.

If you would like your child to start P1 or S1 at a school outside your catchment area, you must make a Placing Request. You can get a Placing Request application form at any nursery or primary school in Edinburgh from mid-November and must return it by **24 December** to:

e-mail: [school.placements@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:school.placements@edinburgh.gov.uk)

post: School Transactions  
P1/S1 Placements,  
PO Box 12331,  
EDINBURGH  
EH7 9DN

If we receive your application form after 24 December, your request will be considered but if we receive your application form after **15 March** places in your chosen school may no longer be available.

The Council must grant Placing Requests where possible. If there are more places available in a school than there are placing requests, all placing requests are usually granted.

If the school you choose has more placing requests than available places, each case is looked at individually. Please include all relevant details on your Placing Request application form so this can be taken into account.

As school rolls have increased there has been a decrease in the number of places available for children living outside the catchment area. This has resulted in high numbers of placing requests being refused.

If a Placing Request is successful for one child, this does not guarantee a successful Placing Request for another child. This could mean parent(s) / guardian(s) have children attending different schools.

## Transport for Placing Requests

If a Placing Request is successful, parents will be responsible for the safety and transportation costs of their child to and from their chosen school.

## Further information

Further information on school placing requests can be found on our website at: [http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20256/school\\_places/1375/school\\_placing\\_requests](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20256/school_places/1375/school_placing_requests)

## **Section Five – School Improvement**

**The section gives you an overview of the main achievements of the school within the last 12 months and performance information relating to literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.**

### **Raising Attainment**

**Monitoring performance and using the resulting information to secure improvement is an important part of the work of head teachers, school staff and officers within Children and Families.**

### **Standards and Quality Report**

**Every year each school publishes a Standards and Quality report which highlights the school's major achievements.**

## **School Improvement Plan**

The Standards and Quality Report and the School and Cluster Improvement Plan is published annually on the school's website in November.

A paper copy of both is available from the school office upon request.

Each year the Head Teacher reports to the Parent Council on the Standards Report and areas for development through the Improvement Plan.

For the session 20-21 the areas for improvement are:

#### **Return:**

From August until September weekend the school will focus on the Health and Wellbeing of all pupils and staff returning to school. Maximum use of the outdoor environment will be encouraged and as part of the school's strategic response to Covid-19 contamination controls.

#### **Recover:**

The staff will plan for a series of interventions identified through thorough analysis of a range of assessments. These interventions are planned to support the recovery of individual and group learning targets where pupils may not have reached expected levels of attainment or significant learning experiences.

#### **Resume:**

During the October Inservice day teachers will plan across levels to identify essential and significant learning experiences and outcomes and amend as appropriate the published annual plans.

## Websites

You may find the following websites useful.

- [www.edinburgh.gov.uk](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk) - contains information for parents and information on Edinburgh schools.
- <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone> - parents can find out about everything from school term dates to exam results. This site also offers information for pre-5 and post school. It also lists relevant publications for parents and provides hyper-links to other useful organisations.
- <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports> - parents can access school and local authority inspection reports and find out more about the work of Education Scotland.
- <http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/scottishschoolsonline-index-asp/> - parents can find out about individual schools. They can choose a school and select what type of information they need such as Education Scotland reports, exam results, stay on rates and free school meal entitlement.
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/> - contains information for parents and children on varying forms of bullying and provides help for parents and children who are affected by bullying.
- <https://respectme.org.uk/> - Scotland's anti-bullying service. Contains information for parents and children on varying forms of bullying and provides help for parents and children who are affected by bullying
- <https://education.gov.scot/> - provides information and advice for parents as well as support and resources for education in Scotland
- <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en> - contains information for everyone on equality laws within the government and local authorities.



## Glossary

CFE	Curriculum for Excellence
ASN	Additional Support Needs
EMA	Education Maintenance Allowance
ASL	Additional Support for Learning
SQA	Scottish Qualifications Authority
FOI	Freedom of Information
HT	Head Teacher
DHT	Depute Head Teacher
PT	Principal Teacher
BM	Business Manager
CLD	Community Learning and Development
GIRFEC	Getting it Right for Every Child
CPM	Child Planning Meeting (Early Years and Primary)
YPPM	Young Person's Planning Meeting (Secondary)

The information in this school handbook is considered to be correct at the time of publication (**November 2020**), however, it is possible that there may be some inaccuracy as the school year progresses

## Parent Feedback

Please take a few minutes to fill in and return the questionnaire on this page. Your feedback will help us improve the hand book next year.

*Tell us what you think*

Your feedback will help us to improve our handbook.

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you find	Please tick	
1. the handbook useful?	Yes	No
2. the information you expected?	Yes	No
3. the handbook easy to use?	Yes	No

Please tell us how we can improve the handbook next year.

Thank you for filling in the questionnaire. Your views are appreciated. Please return this questionnaire to the school office.

Throughout this handbook the term 'parent' has the meaning attributed in the Standards in Scotland's Schools Act 2000 and the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006. This includes grandparents, carer or anyone else who has parental responsibility for the child.

I hope you find all of the above information helpful and self-explanatory. If you have any queries about any of the information contained in this handbook, or indeed about any aspect of our school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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