

Making the most of **School life in Fife**

**How we can work together
to support your child's
school experience
and learning
journey**

Special School



Supporting your child's learning together

In Fife, we want to work closely with you to help your child learn, grow, and succeed.

Fife Education Values

- Compassion
- Ambition
- Respect
- Equity

Working together with families

This guidance recognises the important role of parents and carers. It seeks to set out a clear vision for us all when working together.

Rights of the child

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is a set of 54 rights for everyone under 18.

These include the right to education, the right to play, the right to food, health, and a safe home, the right to privacy and family life, the right to be protected from harm and be involved in decisions that affect you.

This means that together we will:

- Put the child's best interests first
- Support their care, safety, and individuality

Find out more about UNCRC

Home/School Partnership Wheel

We all play a part in helping children do well at school.
Here's how we work together to support them:





Promoting Good School Attendance

Staff will..

- Support regular attendance and talk to you if there are any concerns.
- Share helpful information about supporting your child, being mindful of wider issues such as health concerns.

Parents/carers will..

- Try to make sure your child is ready to be collected if they get transport to school.
- Let the school know what's happening so they can do their best to support If your child is late or absent
- Keep in touch with the school and respond to messages.
- Go to meetings to talk about any concerns and how the school can help.

Tips for talking with your child about going to school



Building Respect & Teamwork

Staff will...

- Aim to make schools welcoming and friendly, where children feel safe and respected.
- Treat everyone with respect and make sure all children are included.
- Work with families to solve problems together.
- Follow Fife Council's policy for using social media.

Parents/carers will...

- Encourage your child to be kind and respectful to everyone at school.
- Show your child that how we treat others matters.
- Respect school staff and other families when speaking with them.
- Contact schools if you have a concern, avoiding posting hurtful comments on social media.
- Work with school staff to sort out any problems.

Tips on working together

Developing Positive Relationships & Behaviours



Staff will...

- Create a relationships policy with input from staff, pupils, and families.
- Encourage respect, kind words and actions across the school.
- Support children with their regulation when they make mistakes or get into disagreements.
- Deal with incidents calmly and fairly, with respect and dignity.
- Follow our anti-bullying policy to address bullying concerns.

Parents/carers will..

- Model and encourage being kind and respectful to support your child's awareness.
- Discuss incidents calmly and fairly.
- Remember that children come to school to learn to communicate and develop social skills
- Work collaboratively with the school to support your child's regulation.
- Be aware of the school's policies for promoting relationships and positive behaviours and for anti-bullying.

Tips on encouraging positive behaviour



Supporting Health & Wellbeing

Staff will...

- Support children's wellbeing using the indicators (safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible, and included).
- Work with you and partners to support your child's wellbeing.
- Teach children how to stay safe online and treat others kindly.
- Teach children how to stay healthy in body and mind
- Make sure fresh drinking water is available during the school day.
- Apply Fife Council Child Protection Policy.

Parents/carers will...

- Let the school know if your child has been upset or is struggling, school staff may be able to help.
- Tell the school if your child has been upset by something online.
- Use advice from the school to help your child stay safe online.
- Help your child get enough sleep – a good bedtime routine makes a big difference.
- Encourage your child to eat healthily and keep active.
- Encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school each day.

Tips on supporting your child's health & wellbeing



Ensuring Good Communication

Staff will...

- Keep in touch with you using the contact details you've given us.
- Let you know how to raise concerns or ask questions.
- Provide school information in other languages if needed.
- Share details of services that can support families.
- Send out surveys to gather your views.
- Provide a report about your child's learning and offer regular review meeting appointments.

Parents carers will...

- Update the school if your contact details or emergency contact change.
- Speak directly to a member of staff if you're worried or unhappy about something,
- Let us know if you need support accessing information.
- Go to meetings and reviews about your child's progress.

Ways of keeping in touch with your school



Supporting Learning

Staff will...

- Use Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence and milestones to create engaging and motivating personalised learning plans, in conjunction with home.
- Create individualised plans to promote independence.
- Review how well we're doing using the "How Good Is Our School" framework.
- Provide children from P6 onwards with an iPad with online safety features, to support learning at home and in school.

Parents/carers will...

- Work in collaboration with school to support learning at home and in school.
- Talk about what your child is learning and support them using school advice.
- Encourage your child to apply what they learn to real-life situations.

Tips on supporting your child's learning



Encouraging Engagement & Belonging

Staff will...

- Use creative teaching and different learning spaces to keep children interested.
- Children in P6 and above will get an iPad to build digital skills and support learning.
- Offer children wider chances to take part in school and community life
- Share ideas for learning at home to help families support progress.

Parents/carers will...

- Celebrate your child's progress and share their interests or motivations with the school.
- Make sure your child's iPad is charged and connected to Wi-Fi if needed.
- Promote safe iPad use and care of the device.

Tips on encouraging engagement

Celebrating Achievement



Staff will...

- Use online platforms to record and share children's learning.
- Praise and celebrate your child's achievements.

Parents/carers will...

- Be proud of your child and encourage them to share their successes with school.

Tips on celebrating achievement



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