



KYLEAKIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Building a strong foundation for the future"



Handbook for 2026-2027

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Welcome to Kyleakin Primary School. It is hoped that this handbook will communicate the ethos of the school and wider community; explain the routines of the school and be useful as a reference document with e-links to further information.

This handbook is updated each year and is available to any parent. I hope the information contained will promote partnership between home and school.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Maclean
Head Teacher
November 2025

Whilst the information in this handbook is considered to be true and correct at the date of publication, changes in circumstances after the time of publication may impact on the accuracy of the information. The following information has been compiled for session 2023-24. Any changes which occur will be notified in the school newsletters which are sent out regularly during the school year.

Parents wishing an appointment with the Head Teacher or a member of staff are asked, if possible, to telephone in advance. Visits are best arranged for a time after 3.30 p.m., as all teachers have a full teaching timetable.

Kyleakin Primary School Vision, Values and Aims

Kyleakin Primary School and Nursery

"Building a strong foundation for the future"

Aims:

- To provide a safe, nurturing and stimulating learning environment for everyone to learn and thrive.
- To engage learners in meaningful and creative learning opportunities that develop knowledge and skills for learning, life, and work across all areas of the curriculum.
- To work together with our community to foster wellbeing, confidence, growth mindset and a love for life-long learning so learners are well prepared for life beyond Kyleakin Primary School.

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SCHOOL STAFF

Head Teacher	Jennifer Maclean
Principal Teacher	Mary Logan (based in Kyle PS)
P1- 3 Class Teacher	Elaine Finlayson
P4 – 7 Class Teacher	Gayle Morison
CCR/PT Management	Emma Gately
Clerical	Christine Morrison
Pupil Support Assistant	Annette MacRae
Pupil Support Assistant	Pippa Jardine
Pupil Support Assistant	Siobhan McAllister
Pupil Support Assistant	Kelly MacInnes
Early Years Practitioner	Christine MacLeod
Early Years Practitioner	Jacqui MacKinnon
Early Years Practitioner	Siobhan McAllister
Support Worker Early Years	Heather McCormick
Head Cook	Morag MacQuarrie
Cleaner	Helen Innes
Facilities Management (Mondays)	Chris Richards
<u>School Visiting Staff</u>	
Support for Learning Teacher	Donalda MacRae (Mondays)
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AREA OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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The School:

Kyleakin Primary School is a bright, modern, single storey building opened in 1982. It consists of two teaching areas and one nursery area opening onto a large resource area suitable for art and craft activities, science activities etc. This area has facilities for cooking as well as two large sinks. The resource area is well used by all classes. The school also has a large hall which is used in many ways, i.e. hall / gymnasium / canteen. The playground has both grass and tarmac areas allowing for extensive and imaginative play.

The catchment area for Kyleakin Primary School is the village of Kyleakin, the village of Kylerhea and the area between those villages. Transport is provided for children who live further than *2 / 3 miles from the school as long as they are within the catchment area.

Kyleakin Primary is a cluster school with Kyle Primary and share the same Head Teacher.

School Roll:

The school provides both early years and primary education.

Fully funded Early Years provision is provided for children ages 3 – 5 years old. There are currently 12 children enrolled at our Early Years setting.

Primary education provision is provided for children aged 5 to 12 years old. There are currently 30 pupils enrolled in P1-7.

The Nursery Day:

Monday to Thursday:	8:45 – 15.15
Fridays:	9:00 – 13:00

The School Day:

Monday to Thursday	9.00 – 15:20
Fridays	9:00 – 13:00

Morning Break:	10.50 - 11.10
Lunch Break:	12.50 - 13.30

School Calendar:

School term dates and those of next school session can be found on the Highland Council Website under “school term dates” or by clicking on the following link:

[School term dates](#) | [School term dates](#) | [The Highland Council](#)

Please note that occasionally these dates change!

Highland School calendar 2026/27

Please note - Dates may be subject to change

August 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
32						1	2
33	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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36	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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September 2026							
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October 2026							
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December 2026							
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January 2027							
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June 2027							
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July 2027							
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School holidays
In-service days

School days

Enrolment:

Parents seeking to enrol a child/children in school or nursery should access the following link:

Nursery/Early Years Setting:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/11/school_enrolment

Primary School: [Enrol your child for school | Enrol your child for school | The Highland Council](#)

Before starting at Kyleakin Primary nursery or school, children and families are invited to visit prior to the starting date.

Placing Requests – Parental Choice

Each school serves its own particular catchment area. Pupils whose homes are located in that area will have priority in being allocated a place in the school. However, parents have the right to specify the school in which they wish to place their child. Applications must be made online to the attention of Area Quality Improvement Manager, Mhairi MacDonald Mhairi.MacDonald3@highland.gov.uk 07918 842021. Placing request forms can be found here:

[Enrolment in a school outside your catchment area | Enrol your child for school | The Highland Council](#)

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

If pupils live outwith the school catchment area and their parents wish them to attend Kyleakin Primary they can contact the head teacher to arrange a visit.

Parents of children with additional support needs, (including those that have Coordinated Support Plans) can make placing requests to any school in Scotland including schools outside of the local authority area they live in. All appeals about placing requests to special schools will be referred to the Additional Support Needs Tribunal.

A Curriculum for Excellence:

The aim of Curriculum for Excellence is to help prepare all young people in Scotland to take their place in a modern society and economy. The curriculum provides a framework for all young people in Scotland to gain the knowledge and skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work that they need.

This means:

- > a coherent and inclusive curriculum from 3 to 18 wherever learning is taking place, whether in schools, colleges or other settings
- > a focus on outcomes
- > a broad general education
- > more opportunities to develop skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work for all young people at every stage
- > a focus on literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing at every stage
- > appropriate pace and challenge for every child
- > ensuring connections between all aspects of learning and support for learning



Literacy:

Literacy plays a key role in all aspects of learning and children are encouraged to develop their literacy skills in all areas of the curriculum through the enjoyment and exploration of texts whether in written or oral format.

There are three organisers:

- Listening and Talking
- Reading
- Writing

For Literacy & English, we use a wide variety of resources in Kyleakin Primary from the Highland Literacy Project, Emerging Literacy, Letterland, WrapAround Spelling, the Spelling Shed, the Literacy Shed, and the Explicit Teaching of Writing approach, to mention only a few.

In Primary 1, the phonological awareness and the fine motor skills are assessed so to have clear targets for development in order to foster and affirm solid foundations in language. A love and interest for language is encouraged and the fascination of sounds, letters, words and the way it all works together, is followed up by an understanding of the way words are made up with roots, prefixes and suffixes and even some etymology should it prick their interest as early as Primary 3.

Children sharpen their writing skills by writing all types of pieces ranging from letters and poems, to instructions, accounts and fictional prose. Each piece of writing will have clear success criterion or criteria discussed as a group or class, and either group or individual targets which the children know they need to focus on.

Children are encouraged to take pride of their writing and to present their work neatly at all times which enable us, teachers and parents to quickly identify areas they find challenging as presentation tends to be less neat at such times.

Mathematics:

Developing skills in Numeracy and Mathematics is important in our endeavour to understand and interpret matters so to thrive in today's world.

There is no ambiguity in the language of maths once the coding has been agreed, therefore enabling a thorough analysis of problems.

Just as with Literacy, Mathematics is set into three organisers:

- Number, Money and Measure
- Shape, Position and Movement
- Information Handling

To ensure coverage of the curriculum, we follow the Highland Numeracy Progression and use a wide range of resources such as:

- Scottish Heinemann Maths and Scottish Active Maths for practice
- Interactive online resources: Sumdog, Times Table Rockstars, etc
- TeeJay Maths

Health and wellbeing:

Good health and wellbeing is necessary for effective learning and steady development. Health and Wellbeing has 8 indicators with powerful messages. Your children will likely refer to this as SHANARRI. In school we use these indicators to measure and discuss wellbeing of pupils.



The curriculum is set into eight organisers also which are:

- Mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing
- Planning for choices and changes
- Physical education, physical activity and sport
- Food and health
- Substance misuse
- Relationship, sexual health and parenthood

Parents will be informed when sensitive areas of learning are to be covered and are encouraged to contact the school should they wish further information.

Expressive Arts:

Through the Arts, children discover, cultivate and refine new means of expression, become more discerning as to the aesthetics of the surrounding world.

The four organisers are:

- Art and Design
- Dance
- Drama
- Music

Our school cluster is very fortunate to have talented and dedicated artists, who visit the school, and volunteer to undertake wonderful art projects.

Dance is often covered through preparation for the Ceilidh dances prior to Christmas and

linked to Physical Education classes.

Children love to do drama and all pupils are usually involved in performing an annual Christmas Concert. Other drama activities are often linked with literacy throughout the year.

Feis tutors deliver traditional music and singing tuition, but the younger children also learn the makings of music through the Kodaly method. Children will have the opportunity of perform in front of a wider audience during assemblies and/or concerts and compete in the annual local Mod.

Technologies:

ICT and Digital Learning

The arrival of Chromebooks to the cluster during the session 2018-19 has changed our approach to digital learning.

All pupils have access to one Chromebook each. Pupils in P6-7 are allowed to take their Chromebooks back and forth between home and school.

All children have been allocated their own Associated School Group Google Account which allows them to access their work both at school and at home. This Account will follow them throughout Primary and Secondary School.

Children learn about the Google Suite for Education, how to keep their information secure, how to be safe online and how to use the Internet responsibly.

Other technologies, Science and Social Studies:

Sciences, Social Studies and Technologies activities are mapped to the Highland Primary Curriculum Overview document which ensures a thorough, varied and rolling coverage of the curriculum. Far from being prescriptive, it allows the school to invite children to have their input as to not only the topic they study within a context but also as to the direction the learning will take while still ensuring experiences and outcomes are met.

Religious and Moral Education:

Religious and Moral Education is approached through a series of topics. These cover beliefs, values, religious practices and traditions of Christianity and other world religions. Moral Education is included within these topics and considers the common values of fairness, respect for others, honesty etc. Pupils are encouraged to form their own opinions but also to be tolerant and show respect for the opinions of others.

Religious Observance assemblies are held monthly. Parents who wish to withdraw their children from the latter can do so by informing the school so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Languages and 1+2:

Children in Scotland learn two languages in addition to their mother tongue hence the 1 (mother tongue)+ 2 (additional languages). Plockton High School Associated Schools Group has opted to learn Gaelic and French.

Gaelic is taught to all pupils. Gaelic is the native language in the Skye and Lochalsh area as is evident in place names etc. We endeavour to ensure the children understand the relevance of Gaelic in the modern world. Emphasis on traditions and culture is evident through drama, dance and music. We do encourage an understanding of the traditions and culture, which form the basis of the language. The class also enjoy blocks of Gaelic singing through the Youth Music Initiative and perform at the local Mod.

French is taught to pupils in P4-7. It is promoted by the Highland programme along with resources from the Primary Languages Platform through the CfE Principles and Practice in Modern Languages.

Opportunities are given to develop confidence and skills and strategies which will hold them in good stead for future language needs. These opportunities contribute to learning about ways of life in other countries and provide a meaningful and rewarding experience.

Assessment and reporting to Parents

As a school, we seek to provide information to pupils, parents and staff to assist in the effectiveness of learning and teaching process and in raising attainment.

Teachers will use the assessment process as an evaluative, diagnostic and formative tool to provide evidence of pupil attainment and progress and to inform learning and teaching approaches and pupil targets.

Pupils should view the assessment process as a motivating experience which takes place within the overall context of a supportive school. Pupils should make use of feedback, in all its forms to inform next steps for the improvement of their own learning.

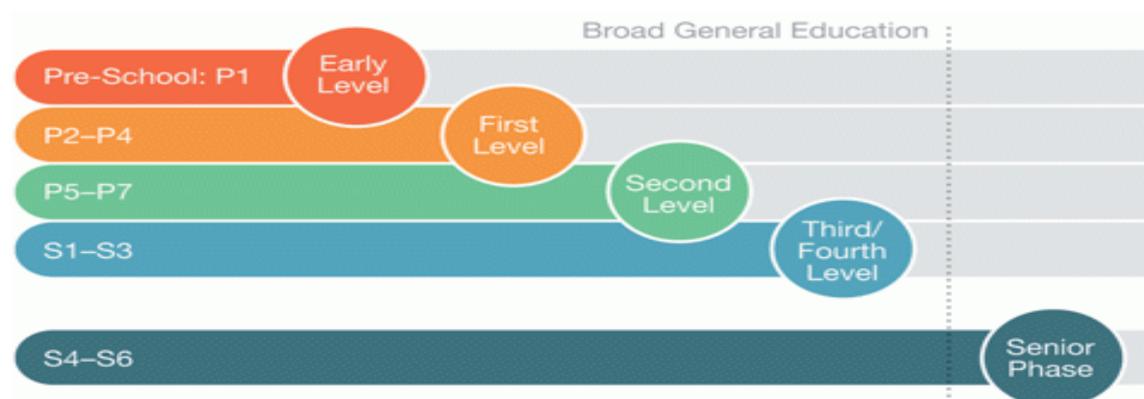
Parents will receive feedback on their son or daughter's progress through parents meetings, pupil reports, progress checks, and target setting information.

Pupils will reflect on their progress, achievement and best work on their profiles.

Progress

Parents wishing to enquire about a pupil's progress are invited to get in touch with their child's class teacher in the first instance.

Children also undertake assessments online such as the SNSA (Scottish National Standardised Assessments) or SOFA assessments, both giving further information as to the progression, strengths and areas for development of each child therefore providing, along with the less formal ongoing evaluations, a full picture of each learning journey.



Parents' Meetings

Parents are encouraged to attend Parents' Evenings, which take place in term 2 and 3, as they are an opportunity to share and discuss the progression of children before identifying next steps.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any concerns regarding your child's wellbeing or progression.

You will find more information about the **school's curriculum, skills for life and the four capacities** on <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/> And [Highland Curriculum for Excellence information](#)

Summary of Standards and Quality Report/School Improvement Plan Engagement process:

The process of engaging with the whole school community when we are developing our Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan involves seeking the views of a wide range of people. We would discuss these documents with, for example:

- Teachers, Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) staff and other school staff
- Parents of children in the school and Early Learning and Childcare setting
- Pupils
- Partners that work with and support the school
- Other schools with which we link.

Our overall evaluation of the school's capacity for continuous improvement (including ELC setting):

We are currently confident in our capacity for continuous improvement in session 2025-2026.

School Improvement Priorities for 2025-2026:

1. Raising attainment and achievement through Play Pedagogy
2. Rights Respecting Schools Bronze: Rights Committed/Action Plan for Silver, Developing of School Relationships and Behaviour Policy in line with RRS
3. Assessment and Moderation in Numeracy – ASG priority

Summaries of our School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality report can be found on our school website: [School Information | Kyleakin Primary](#)

Our latest School Inspection Findings are not current. Usually they can be found: <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-and-review/find-an-inspection-report/find-an-inspection-report/>

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/my-school/school-information-dashboard>

Anti-bullying Strategy:

We believe that bullying in any form is unacceptable.

Very useful information can be accessed at 'Respect Me – Scotland's Anti-Bullying Service'
<https://respectme.org.uk/bullying/>

'Bullying is both behaviour and impact; what someone does and the impact it has on a person's capacity to feel in control of themselves.'

Anyone can be a victim. If bullying happens, it should be reported to a staff member. If it relates to events outside school, parents should be informed.

When bullying does occur, it will be investigated, discussed and hopefully resolved restoratively. If incidents persist, active parental involvement will be strongly encouraged. It is vital that we work together.

Equality and diversity:

In Kyleakin Primary we actively teach, practise and embrace differences; we ensure everyone has the necessary tools to access the curriculum, that all have a voice and can make themselves understood. Our Diversity and Equalities Policy can be found on our website: [School Information | Kyleakin Primary](#)

Summary of our duty in Equality and Diversity

Eliminate unlawful discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; promote good relations. Activities should not discriminate against any 'protected characteristics.as follow:

Age

Disability

Race, Religion or Belief

Gender

Sexual orientation

Gender reassignment

Pregnancy

Maternity.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child has now been incorporated into Scots Law. To find out more about this and the rights for all children in Scotland, you can access information [here](#).

For up-to-date information please see:

http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/751/equality_diversity_and_citizenship/313/equal_opportunities

[https://www.gov.scot/publications/guidance-presumption-provide-education-mainstream-setting/pages/1/ -](https://www.gov.scot/publications/guidance-presumption-provide-education-mainstream-setting/pages/1/)

Homework:

Homework is handed out regularly. It should be a relaxed experience where children share their learning and are further supported in their development by their parents/guardians/older siblings.

Homework will comprise of literacy work and basic maths knowledge practice which we encourage you to support at home as acquiring automaticity will enable your child to quicken and widen their learning.

If there is a reason that homework cannot be completed then please communicate with the class teacher to let them know.

Home, School and Community Link:

We welcome parental and community help in our school life and are fortunate to have volunteers sharing their time and skills for the benefit of the pupils.

For those who regularly participate in schools, a PVG certificate is necessary and easily obtainable by contacting the head teacher in the first instance.

We in turn regularly support our community ventures and enjoy the mutual benefits.

Pupil Empowerment:

Increasingly we are giving pupils the opportunity to lead in their learning and in giving their views about their school. We have the Junior Duke Achievement Programme, Reading Committee and Sports Leaders. In addition to these groups, we actively ask pupils to evaluate lessons and in what way they suggest better ways of learning.

After-school clubs:

Skye Camanachd Shinty currently run shinty training on Thursday evenings for pupils from south Skye schools. Highlife Highland runs a variety of other clubs like football and active kids for children in the Skye and Lochalsh area.

The Facebook page of Lochalsh Active Schools will keep you informed of all other after-school clubs run by High-Life-Highland Active Schools.

Attendance at School:

Registration takes place every morning. It is essential for parents/guardians to contact the school by 9:30. Should a child be absent or late - without prior notice – the school will endeavour to find out the reason for this absence and follow the Three Day Rule for Unexplained Absences.

The Three Day Rule for Unexplained Absences:

Day 1: the school will make a concerted effort to find out the reason for an unexplained absence.

Day 2: the school will continue to obtain a reason for the unexplained absence by contacting a carer or family member.

Day 3: should no contact be established, the police shall be notified of a child's absence; the police will treat this as a missing person alert.

Encouraging Attendance:

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

Permission to leave during the school day: The school office or class teacher should be notified if a pupil needs to leave during the school day for an appointment. Where at all possible, medical and dental appointments should be made outwith school hours.

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

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

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

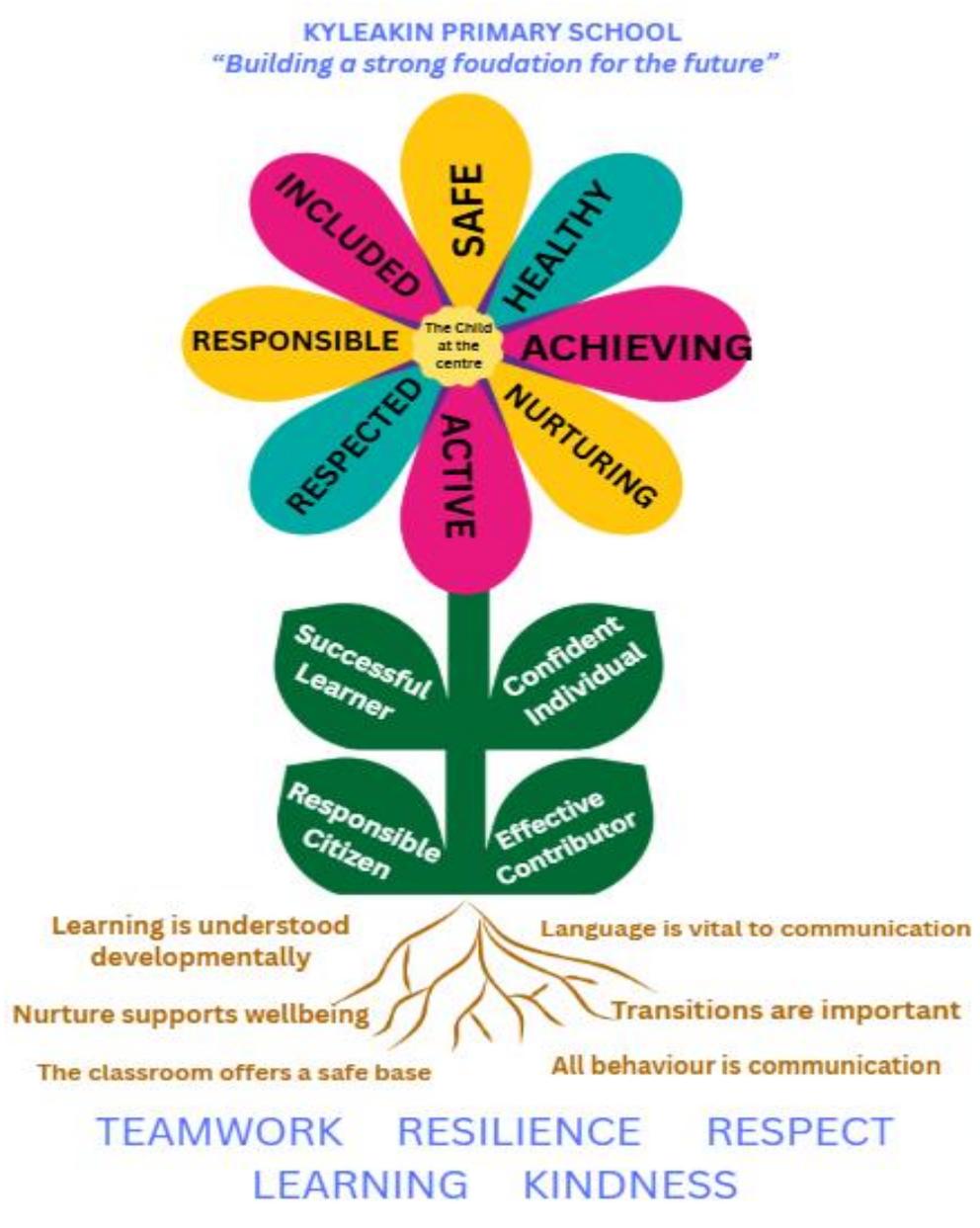
- Will result in a significant loss in classroom experience.
- Will result in a pressure to 'catch up' on missed work by pupils.
- Could result in pupils missing assessments with consequential impact on pupils and teachers.
- Could result in the loss of curricular activities.
- Will affect school attendance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

In conclusion, we would ask parents to be aware of these considerations when making decisions on planning holidays during term time. We have enclosed a link to the school term dates on the Highland Council website to aid parents in planning any holidays they may be considering https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school_term_dates

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

Behaviour:

Our stance is that all behaviour is communication. We endeavour to ensure all pupils feel safe, valued and included so they are able to settle into their learning in a positive way. Our school uses The Highland Council’s Positive Relationships Framework and Guidance https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/20086/ppr_framework_and_guidance to manage and promote positive behaviour in a reflective and restorative way. The below diagram illustrates our guiding principles for supporting positive relationships and wellbeing of pupils; these include Nurture Principles, our school values, the 4 Capacities and Wellbeing Indicators. Any concerns regarding behaviour should always be brought to the attention of the Head Teacher.



School uniform:

A uniform fosters a feeling of belonging which is essential to our school's ethos. While we encourage sweatshirts and polo shirts bearing the school badge we recognize the extra cost involved and will therefore leave this at the parents' discretion. School uniform items can be ordered from School Wear Made Easy:

<https://www.schoolwewearmadeeasy.com/>

The Kyleakin Primary School uniform is as follows:

- Blue/white polo shirt
- Blue sweatshirt
- Grey or black school trousers/shorts/skirt
- Pair of indoor shoes

Children whose parents are in receipt of Income Support/ Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance or Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) may be entitled to help with school uniform. Further information can be obtained here:

[http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/schools -
grants and benefits/10/free school meals and assistance with clothing](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/schools-_grants_and_benefits/10/free_school_meals_and_assistance_with_clothing)

PE kit:

Children will do some form of physical education for two hours every week. Some activities will be done on designated days, others will be done through the week. Class teachers will keep parents informed about when their child will require a PE kit.

The PE kit should include:

- A pair of shorts or leggings
- A tee-shirt
- A pair of trainers

All clothing should be labelled with the pupil's name and P.E. clothing should be brought to school in a separate bag.

School Meals

School Meals cost £2.40. Pupils in Nursery and P1-5 are entitled to free school meals. Your child/children will be given a copy of the week's menu and asked to fill in their choices for the following week. Kyleakin Primary currently offers a 2 choice menu with a grab and go option on a Friday.

https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/22864/primary_2-choice_grab_n_go_menu

If a pupil has special dietary needs, please inform the school and a School Meals Special Diet Request Form must be completed. These forms can be found here:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/65/special_diet_request_form

Free meals can be claimed in certain circumstances, for information and application form please see: [http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/schools -](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/schools_-_grants_and_benefits/10/free_school_meals_and_assistance_with_clothing)

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Medical and Health Care:

Administration of Medicines

National Guidance on the Administration of Medicines in Schools has been issued by the Scottish Government. <https://www.gov.scot/publications/supporting-children-young-people-healthcare-needs-schools/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

If your child requires medication, please note that this will only be administered by staff when there is clear written guidance from a parent/carer, providing:

- The name of the medicine, the quantity of the medicine to be given, the time it has to be given.
- As far as possible prescriptive medication should be given at home by parents/carers. If it is required to be given in school, the medication should be unopen, clearly marked with the directions from the pharmacist and administered as part of an agreed medical protocol.

Minor injuries

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

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Staff will support the emotional development and wellbeing of pupils through formal and informal curricular activities. Any concerns about a pupil's wellbeing can be discussed with the Head Teacher as Named Person. There is a website managed by Highland Council that supports a variety of information relating to mental health and emotional wellbeing that can be accessed here: <https://www.wellbeinghighland.co.uk/>

School have access to Highland Council's Primary Mental Health Worker Service and consultation and advice may be sought if there are concerns that might require more targeted support. Counselling is also available to pupils through Counselling Care Skye and Lochalsh. More information regarding the service can be obtained through the school. Alternatively, there is a completely confidential, online counselling service called Kooth for children and young people from age 10 that can be accessed here: <https://www.kooth.com/> Parents would generally be involved in discussions beforehand, however a young person over the age of 12 can ask for support themselves.

School Transport

Transport is provided for children in our catchment area who live over 3 miles from school, and for those under 8 years who live over 2 miles from school. We do not currently have any pupils using school transport.

The law currently specifies one child, one seat but where there is room on transport any extra places may be allocated to children living less than the specified distance if parents request this service. Children may not travel on the conveyance unless they are on the official list. The contractors have been instructed by the Education Department to refuse requests for any informal arrangements. Children from out with our catchment area have no entitlement to transport. Children must wear seatbelts and behave sensibly at all times.

Transport application forms may be obtained from the Head Teacher or Area Education Office in Fort William.

The good behaviour of pupils travelling on school buses is paramount to safety. Pupils, who misbehave and so endanger the lives of other pupils, may be denied school transport.

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

Adverse Weather/Early Closures

The previous dial-in phone service to inform parents of school closures has been withdrawn by Vodaphone. Instead parents can obtain information on the Highland Council school closures webpage <http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolclosures>. The school will also update parents with a message on SEESAW.

The school will endeavour to inform parents about closures or delayed starts as soon as possible, ideally before 8 am. Occasionally, conditions may worsen or change so it is important parents continue to monitor SEESAW for any updates.

Local radio stations issue news and weather bulletins on traffic conditions and school closures. Parents are advised to remain “tuned in” to ongoing road weather, or school information updates.

In extreme conditions Radio Highland will interrupt Radio Scotland transmissions, usually on the hour, to carry emergency bulletins.

Guidelines for Parents on Travel

It is the responsibility of parents or carers to decide if a pupil should attempt to travel to school, by transport or on foot, in adverse weather conditions. The Council encourages full attendance at school but in severe weather conditions the safety of pupils is much more important.

School Transport during Adverse Weather

For pupils using school transport

Parents should note that the final decision on whether it is safe to operate rests with the driver of the school transport vehicle. Therefore there may be occasions on which a school is open but some routes, or parts of routes, are unable to operate.

Parents should advise their children on how long they should wait at the pick-up point for their transport. This will depend on the prevailing weather conditions and the availability of shelter at the pick-up point. During adverse weather conditions no pupil is expected to wait longer than twenty minutes past the normal “pick-up” time.

Morning journeys may be delayed by an hour if road conditions are unsafe at the normal journey time but have improved within the hour. Before pupils return to a pick up point parents should check the schools telephone information line for updated messages from their schools Head Teacher. Please note that for some routes the transport operator may contact the parent directly. Drivers are advised not to drop off children where there is a risk that they may not safely reach home or other place of shelter. This may involve children being taken to an alternative place of safety, agreed in consultation with the school.

Where parents are concerned about weather conditions at “drop-off” points, they should contact the school as early as possible.

Emergency Planning

Each school is required to prepare a plan of the action to be taken if a school building has to be evacuated in the event of a major emergency. The emergency plan requires taking account of all fire drill procedures and security provisions.

Plans in the event of a major emergency are available in school.

Parental Involvement

We believe that much of the strength of the school lies in the positive relationships between staff, pupils and their parents. These relationships must be nurtured by a healthy exchange of information between teachers and pupils, between home and school. We always welcome parental interest in the welfare of our pupils. Whatever the nature of the issue, you can be assured of our help. The school works very hard to keep parents informed regarding their child's progress and any key decisions being made about their education. This includes:

- Parents' evenings
- Progress report
- Open afternoons/evenings
- Learning Snapshots

The support of parents in their children's education is key to the success of young people. Taking time to read with them, discussing work, practising language, helping them manage their homework and encouraging responsibility are important ways of supporting children's learning. The school always seek to involve parents in any key decisions about their child's education and keep parents informed about progress.

Parental information is obtained from questionnaires regularly issued throughout the session.

Parent Forum and the Parent Council

All parents with a child in Kyleakin Primary School or Nursery are members of the Parent Forum and can have their views shared through the Parent Council.

The Parent Council is a group of parents selected to represent all parents of children at the school. Any parent who wishes to raise an issue for the Parent Council to consider can do so by contacting the Parent Council Chair on kyleakinprimarypc@gmail.com.

As a member of the parent forum, you have an important role to play. You'll find useful information regarding the role of the Parent Council in Highland Council schools here: https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/16/parent_councils and at Parentzone: <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/>

Transition To and From Primary School

Nursery pupils who are enrolled to attend Kyleakin Primary will have regular opportunities to visit the school prior to the start of P1. Teaching staff collaborate with Early Years Practitioners to best plan a smooth transition programme. Developmental Overviews and Learning Journals are passed on to the class teacher. There are also information meetings; prior to the start of P1 and early on in Term 1, for parents of P1 children.

P7 pupils from Kyleakin Primary will normally transfer to Plockton High School. All P7 pupils receive a Plockton High School Prospectus in February which provides lots of information.

During the third term, a support teacher from Plockton High School will visit the school and meet the children who are due to transfer. At this time, pupils will be given a list of their subjects, class group and other information about the school. In the fourth term, P7 pupils will spend a week at Plockton, following a timetable and helping to allay any fears and misgivings. Primary staff will meet with High School staff to pass on information about pupils, especially those with particular needs, so that any necessary arrangements can be in place at the start of term. There are also extended transition experiences organised for pupils on a needs-based basis. Several cultural and sporting events are held throughout the year at Plockton High School which include P7's from all the feeder schools. This allows pupils a chance to get to know their future classmates.

Plockton High School, Plockton IV52 8TU

Rector: Jo Scott-Moncrief Tel No: 01599 530800

Additional Support for Learning

Class/Subject teachers, in conjunction with Additional Support Needs Teachers monitor the progress of pupils with additional support. The needs of such pupils are generally catered for within the normal curriculum but with specialist advice and support as required. More information regarding Additional Support for learners can be found here:

[Support for Learners Website](#)

<http://forhighlandschildren.org/>

If necessary, a Child's Plan may be put in place to help plan, organise, monitor and regularly review a child's progress. Parents and pupils will be involved in these procedures and in reviews. More information can be found about the Highland Council model for support and Child's Plans at:

http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/230/highland_practice_model_-_delivering_additional_support_for_learners

http://www.highland.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/11/co-ordinated_support_plan

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

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

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

Highland Council would seek to work in partnership with parents at all times, but sometimes you will have a concern that you don't feel is being addressed, or will want to talk to someone out with the school. Should you have any concerns that your child's additional needs are not being met, you should contact the Head Teacher.

There is also information from organisations specified by Scottish Ministers which provide advice, further information and support to parents of children and young people with ASN. These organisations are identified under The Additional Support for Learning (Sources of Information) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011 as:

- (a) Enquire – the Scottish advice and information service for additional support for learning <http://enquire.org.uk/>
- (b) My Rights, My Say – an advocacy and advice service for young people over 12 with additional support needs <http://enquire.org.uk/myrightsmysay/>
- (c) [Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance](#), an advocacy service to support parents and children
- (d) [Scottish Child Law Centre](#), an organisation providing free legal advice to young people

Child Safety and Child Protection:

From time to time incidents can occur within the school setting which cause concern and could indicate that a pupil is suffering some form of abuse.

In terms of Highland Child Protection Committee Inter-agency Protection Guidelines, Education Service staff must report such incidents to Social Work Services which can lead to a joint Social Work/Police investigation.

All agencies involved in Child Protection are obliged to make the welfare of children their paramount consideration and this will be the priority for Education Service staff.

COPIES OF CHILD PROTECTION POLICY GUIDELINES are available online at <https://hcpc.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Highland-Child-Protection-and-GIRFEC-Guidance-2024-FINAL.pdf>

Recording a concern:

Parents or members of the community who have a concern about a child/children should contact the Head Teacher who as the 'Named Person' will take the necessary steps. Parents or members of the community can also reach to Parentline helpline for further information and advice:

<https://www.children1st.org.uk/help-for-families/parentline-scotland/>

Military Families

Our school welcomes and supports families and their children and young people from **Armed Forces families: Serving, Reservists and Veterans**.

We understand some of the challenges that service life can bring. These may be more difficult during times of mobility, separation due to a deployment, long training exercise or weekending. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child or young person thrives whilst with us in Highland.

Please get in touch with us as soon as you can so we can work together to ensure we are ready for your child or young person joining us. This is particularly important if they have additional support for learning (ASL) needs so that we can where possible have the appropriate support in place. (ASL is the term used in Scotland, in England a similar term is SEND).

Highland Council proudly committed to the Armed Forces Covenant many years ago and have built positive relationships with its Armed Forces community. There is a unique and dedicated partnership, **The Military Liaison Group (Education)**, often referred to as “The MLG” extend a warm welcome to you. This was formed to promote and ensure the equity and equality for any child or young person from an Armed Forces family, within an educational context, so that they thrive whilst with us in Highland.

There is a dedicated website in Highland, Armed Forces Families Website that has been developed and informed by our Armed Forces community’s needs. It is an easy to navigate website with helpful information, guidance and support for families, educators, children and young people and communities. Here is a link to take you directly to the Enrolment page which may be particularly helpful.

Our children and young people have co-created a warm welcome to you and your family. Click the links here Primary School Welcome | Secondary School Welcome

Please get in touch with the Headteacher if you have any queries or if you would prefer, contact the MLG (Education) lead here

Data policy

Information about pupils' education is collected through our statistical surveys in partnership between the Scottish Government and Local Authorities through the ScotXed Programme which aims to help schools and Local Authorities by supporting efficient collection, processing and dissemination of statistical information. The Scottish Government then provides analysis of the data to support research, planning, management and monitoring of education services as well as to produce National Statistics publications.

Education data within Scottish Government is managed effectively by secure systems and is exploited as a valuable corporate resource, subject to confidentiality restraints. As part of its data policy, Scottish Government will not publish or make publicly available any information that allows individual pupils to be identified, nor will data be used by Scottish Government to take any actions in respect of individuals. Data is held securely and no information on individual pupils can or would be made publicly available by Scottish Government.

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

Information on why we collect data about pupils and who we share this data with can be found in Highland Council's Privacy Notice which is available here:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/directory_record/1095920/enrol_your_child_at_a_school

Your data protection rights:

The collection, transfer, processing and sharing of ScotXed data is done in accordance with the Data Protection Act (1998). We also comply with the National Statistics Code of Practice requirements and other legislation related to safeguarding the confidentiality of data. The Data Protection Act gives you the right to know how we will use your data. This note can give you only a brief description of how we use data. Fuller details of each individual ScotXed survey, including the purpose of each and the published data, can be found on the ScotXed website <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed/SchoolEducation>

Scottish Government works with a range of partners including Education Scotland, Skills Development Scotland and the SQA. On occasion, in order to help meet our aim of improving the life of young people in Scotland, we may make individual data available to partners such as the National Registers of Scotland to carry out research relating to the national population census and also academic institutions and organisations to carry out additional research and statistical analysis to meet their own official responsibilities. Any sharing of data will be done under the strict control of Scottish Government, and will be consistent with our data policy.

This will ensure that no individual level data will be made public as a result of the data sharing and that 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 relevant colleagues and individuals within and outwith Scottish Government. At all times pupils' rights under the Data Protection Act and other relevant legislation will be ensured.

School Data

Access to Pupil Records

The Pupils' Educational Records (Scotland) Regulations 2003 extend to parents the right of access (with certain specific exceptions) to any record held by the Authority in relation to their child. Parents may make application to the Head Teacher.

Data Protection Legislation

Information on pupils, parent and guardians is stored on a computer system and may be used for teaching, registration, assessment and other administrative duties. The information is protected by data protection legislation and may only be disclosed in accordance with the codes of practice.

Transferring Educational data about pupils

The Scottish Government and its partners collect and use information about pupils through the *Pupil Census* to help to improve education across Scotland. This note explains why we need this information, how we use it and what we do to protect the information supplied to us. Further information can be obtained from <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed>.

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

Why do we need your data?

In order to make the best decisions about how to improve our education service, Scottish Government, education authorities and other partners such as the SQA and Skills Development Scotland need accurate, up-to-date data about our pupils. We are keen to help all our pupils do well in all aspects of school life and achieve better examination results. Accurate and up-to-date data allows us to:

- plan and deliver better policies for the benefit of all pupils
- plan and deliver better policies for the benefit of specific groups of pupils
- better understand some of the factors which influence pupil attainment and achievement
- share good practice
- target resources better
- enhance the quality of research to improve the lives of young people in Scotland

Concerns

If you have any concerns about the ScotXed data collections you can email the Head of Schools Analysis at ScotXed@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or write to The ScotXed Support Office, Area 2D, Victoria Quay, Leith, EH6 6QQ. Alternative versions of this page are available, on request from the ScotXed Support Office, in other languages, audio tape, Braille and large print.

Comments and Complaints Procedure

We hope you will enjoy your child's time at Kyleakin Primary School and we welcome comments and suggestions which will improve our service. It is hoped that parents will have little or no reason to complain about either the standard of the education offered or the manner in which it is taught.

On occasions parents may feel that they would like to discuss some matter regarding their child's education more thoroughly with either the class teacher or the Head Teacher. Parents are always welcome to make an appointment – please contact the School Office in order that a suitable time may be found for both parties.

In the unlikely case of a failure to solve a problem, parents have the right to pursue the matter by contacting Mhairi MacDonald, Area Quality Improvement Manager at The Area Education Office, Fingal Centre, Viewfield Rd, Portree, Isle of Skye IV51 9ET or at Mhairi.MacDonald3@highland.gov.uk

Mobile Phone Use in School:

Kyleakin Primary School operates a no mobile phone use policy for pupils. Pupils should not bring mobile phones to school. If pupil's need to contact home for any reason, this can be done through the school office or their class teacher.

