



Welcome to our 2026-27 Session

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good summer and that the first week of school has been successful for you and your children. I would like to **welcome our new parents** to Eastern Primary School and **welcome back those with children returning to Eastern**. Our new children are settling into their school experience very well and are quickly becoming familiar with their school and the people in it. Our new P7 pupils are already taking on leadership responsibilities and are enthusiastic about supporting the younger children in the school.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have again supported our call to raise the standard of our school uniform this year. Most children have returned to school looking very smart, sporting Eastern colours throughout the school and followed our guidance for appropriate school uniform (**please remember to label all items to allow us to return lost property quickly**). It is also advisable that the children bring a waterproof jacket to school to provide protection from our ever changing, unpredictable weather.

In addition to our new pupils, we are joined by **new members of staff**. I am very pleased to welcome Miss Carolyn Harvey (P2), Mrs Lorraine English (Senior Learning and Care Practitioner) and Miss Marlana Storrier (Early Years Educator).

To provide you a clear point of contact Mrs McLaren, Mrs Radcliffe and Mr Clark have responsibility for certain groups within the school.

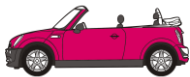
Nursery – P4 – Mrs Lynsey McLaren (Depute Head Teacher)
P5 – P7 – Mr Ben Clark (Principal Teacher)
Harbour, Haven and Nest – Mrs Michelle Radcliffe (Principal Teacher Supporting Learners)

I continue to have overall responsibility for children from Nursery-P7.

Over the summer holidays the second phase of our window replacement programme has been completed and classes and nursery playrooms in the east of the school are already reporting a quieter and more comfortable working environment. Our playground shed has been repainted and will be developed as an outdoor library this session and we have installed 6 planters to soften the look of our playground and to provide opportunities for some hands on gardening (currently an opportunity for digging and sculpting).

Last session, following development projects involving staff and pupils we received accreditation for three important aspects of our children's learning experiences. We are now a **Rights Respecting School**, a **Reading School** and a **Digital School**. This session we are to develop our programmes of support for those who experience bereavement and loss in their lives. This will allow us to hold a Bereavement Charter and further equip our whole school community to support each other.

If you need to contact the school about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate person above by phone or by school email address easternprimary@dundeeschools.scot.



To keep our community safe, I'd like to remind all parents that as part of the School Streets initiative, **cars should not enter or leave Church Street or Camperdown Street between the hours of 8:30am – 9:15am and 3:00pm – 3:30pm. Any drivers who choose to ignore this without an appropriate School Streets permit are liable to be fined for failure to follow this no drive zone ruling.** Please be mindful of allowing our neighbours access to driveways and the safety of our children in the surrounding streets, when using vehicles to pick up and drop off children. Our preference is for families to

walk into the school area from out with. Parking permits are available from the school office which allow free parking in the Queen Street Car Park (across from the library) at drop off and collection times. Please share this message with any grandparents or childminders who may be helping you with collections and drop offs.

Please remember that **dogs are not permitted** in our school grounds. Whilst your pet may be a loved family member, some of our children are nervous and scared of dogs. If you have a dog with you at drop off or collection, please leave them outside the playground area.



I would also like to remind everyone that we have a number of children within our school who have nut allergies that can make them very unwell. Please do not include nuts or nut products within snacks and packed lunches.

Our children have returned to school with a positive enthusiasm and we have seen many happy faces throughout the week, keen to share stories and experiences of their holidays. Both staff and children are looking forward to a productive year with new learning and opportunities developing as the year unfolds. I am attaching a year plan and a quick Help Parent Guide to this accompanying email.

Please remember that we are keen to discuss any comments, queries or suggestions you may have. We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Ferner
Head Teacher

**Our first Social Event is our
Annual Beetle Drive on
Thursday 3rd September at
6:15 - 7:30pm
Save the Date**



To nurture unique individuals who are motivated, caring and eager to be challenged, within a supportive community, with high expectations for all, where anything is possible.



At Eastern Primary School everyone:

will feel **Safe** will be **Healthy** will be **Achieving**
will feel **Nurtured** will be **Active** will feel **Respected**
will be **Responsible** will feel **Included**

