

School Handbook

Ardler Primary School



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Section 1: Welcome and Vision

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Ardler Primary School. Some of you are already familiar with our school, others we welcome for the first time.

Parents have the right to expect their children to be provided with the highest quality of education in a climate where they are safe, valued and treated with dignity and respect.

We believe that Ardler Primary is a caring school where children can fulfill their potential. We strive to ensure that our children have the opportunity to maximise their attainment and achievement.

We endeavour to equip our children with the necessary skills and knowledge to enable them to successfully continue on a journey of lifelong learning.

We believe that working together with parents and the community, and communicating openly ensures the best possible outcomes for all.

Welcome to Ardler Primary School!

Louise Reid
Head Teacher

Section 2: School Ethos

Our vision for Ardler Primary School is to provide a safe, secure, welcoming and nurturing environment where everyone is valued equally. We aim to be an integral part of the community, inspiring our children to be successful lifelong learners, effective contributors, confident individuals and responsible citizens. We do this in partnership with home, community and other service providers.

We encourage and promote an ethos where all our children feel:

- We are loved
- We are loving
- We are lovable

Our 'Deciders Community Group' created a statement we all agree with - "You don't have to be better than anyone else. You just have to be better than you have ever been". We also have a school song sharing this message.

Our values: We are safe, ready and respectful at

Ambitious

Respected

Dedicated

Loving

Engaged

Ready to Learn.

We provide an inclusive learning environment which is a positive stimulus for personal achievement, encourages aspiration and ambition and broadens experiences of the world. We hope this will lead to our young people to be informed and responsible citizens.

The school has strong links with many partner agencies who work in school with pupils and also consultation with staff/parents approach as appropriate. These include the Craigowl Church, Ardler Complex, Education Psychology Service, Access and Inclusion Team, Barnardo's, NHS, Tayside Police/Fire and Rescue etc.

Section 2: School Ethos

Valuing our place within our local community, we work closely with the Ardler Village Trust, carol singing at the Christmas light switch on and flower planting during 'Ardler's in Bloom'.

Throughout all of our activities there will be a focus on developing skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. These include literacy and numeracy, thinking skills, working with others, leadership, presenting and communicating, enterprising skills, and physical coordination. These activities will normally be incorporated into other areas of the curriculum.

Section 3: School Information

School Address: Turnberry Avenue,
Dundee DD2 3TP

Telephone: 01382 436500

Fax:

Email Address: ardlerprimary@dundeeschools.scot

Website: ardlerprimary.ea.dundee.city.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Miss Louise Reid

Depute Head Teacher: Miss Julie Gibson

School Status: Non-Denominational
Pre School - Primary 7

School Roll: 105 plus 74 Nursery and 20 2s
Nursery

School Hours: 9.00am - 3.15pm

Nursery Hours: 8.30am - 2.30pm or
9.00am - 3.00pm

Parent Council Contact Info: Mary O'Conner
pcardler@dundee.npfs.org.uk

Parish Priest or Minister: Rev Chris Barlas

Parish Address: Chalmers Ardler Parish Church
Turnberry Avenue
Dundee DD2 3TP

Section 3: School Information

Office Hours

The school office is open from 8.45am - 3.30pm.

Please help us by making routine telephone calls within office hours. The answering machine is switched on for your convenience when the school office is unmanned. Please do leave a message and we will return your call as quickly as possible.

We welcome parents' views and suggestions and encourage parents to visit the school. However it is advisable to make an appointment. Parents are invited in from time to time during the session to participate in classroom activities during 'open afternoons', class assemblies, stay and play sessions.

Class Organisation

The organisation of classes may vary from year to year dependent upon certain factors such as the school roll and the number of teachers allocated to the school that session.

At any stage of the school, pupils may be in a straight class which comprises of pupils from the same stage e.g. all Primary 2 pupils or they may be part of a composite class which comprises of pupils from more than one stage, for instance a class with some Primary 2 and some Primary 3 pupils.

You should be confident that the professionalism of the staff in the school will ensure that your child will always work within a programme appropriate for his/her age, ability and aptitude.

Section 4: School Policies & Practical Information

School Terms and Holidays

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 18 August 2025 - Staff resume

Tuesday 19 August 2025 - Pupils resume

Friday 3 October 2025 - Term ends

AUTUMN HOLIDAY

Monday 6 October 2025 - Holiday starts

Friday 17 October 2025 - Holiday ends

WINTER TERM

Monday 20 October 2025 - Term starts

Thursday 13 November 2025 - In service day, schools closed

Friday 14 November 2025 - In service day

Tuesday 23 December 2025 - Term ends

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Wednesday 24 December 2025 - Holiday starts

Tuesday 6 January 2026 - Holiday ends

SPRING TERM

Wednesday 7 January 2026 - All resume

Friday 13 - Monday 16 February 2026 - Mid term, all break

Tuesday 17 February 2026 - In service day, schools closed

Thursday 2 April 2026 - Term ends

SPRING HOLIDAY

Friday 3 April 2026 (Good Friday) - Holiday starts

Friday 17 April 2026 - Holiday ends

SUMMER TERM

Monday 20 April 2026 - All resume

Monday 4 May 2026 - May Day, schools closed

Friday 22 May 2026 - In Service Day, schools closed

Monday 25 May 2026 - Victoria Day, schools closed

Friday 3 July 2026 - Term ends

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School Uniform

There is an expectation for all pupils to wear the correct school uniform. This helps us in our aim of encouraging children to take a pride in their appearance and to have respect for their school.

BOYS	GIRLS
School colours are grey, blue and golden yellow. School Sweatshirt Grey jumper/cardigan White shirt and school tie Primary 7 may wear black	School colours are grey, blue and golden yellow. School Sweatshirt Grey jumper/cardigan White shirt and school tie Primary 7 may wear black
<p>We actively encourage pupils to wear school uniform as research indicates this improves the ethos and attainment in schools. We feel it is important that each pupil is proud to be part of the school community and that they are part of a team effort. It would be gratefully appreciated if parents would support us in this.</p> <p>Please note that football strips are not to be worn.</p> <p>All items of clothing should be labelled. This assists greatly in recovering lost property.</p>	

School Clothing Grants

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance - Income Based, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit (where take home pay is less than £726 per month), Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction or Child Tax Credit with an income of less than £18,725 (as assessed by HMRC), you may be entitled to receive a grant towards the cost of buying essential clothing to enable children up to the age of 16 to attend school.

Grants are paid directly into the applicants bank account or paid by cheque where the applicant does not have a bank account.

The current value of a Clothing Grant is £120 per primary school child and £150 per secondary school child.

Applications forms can be submitted online:

www.dundee.gov.uk/eduforms

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School Meals

School lunches cost £2.15 per day and all children are provided with a lunch menu by Tayside Contracts. Children in Nursery and Primary 1-5 are all provided with a free school lunch.

All children staying for lunches within school will eat in the dining hall. Safety flasks containing hot food may be brought to school, but not the glass vacuum type, which may be dangerous, as they are liable to break. Glass bottles should not be brought to school.

Please inform us in writing if your child has any special dietary needs so that arrangements can be put in place to accommodate their needs.

The dining room is supervised by support staff at all times. Please note that the school does not approve of pupils going out of school to buy their lunch due to safety reasons.

Free School Meals

All Primary 1 to 5 children and pupils attending special schools have the option of a free healthy school meal. If you wish your child to have a lunch then there is no requirement to complete the free school meal application form, but they will need to follow school procedure for ordering the meal.

From Primary 6 onwards parents will need to apply for free school meals. Free school meals are available to all pupils whose parents receive Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance - Income Based, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit where take home pay is less than £726 per month, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit ONLY with an income of less than £18,725, or BOTH Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income less than £8,717 (as assessed by HMRC).

Applications forms can be submitted online:

www.dundee.gov.uk/eduforms

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Instrumental Tuition

There are currently no fees for instrumental tuition or instrument hire.

Payments to Schools

The school currently accepts payments online, using a secure website called ParentPay, for items such as school meals, trips and uniforms. The ParentPay system is easy to use and offers parents the freedom to make payments by debit or credit card, whenever they like, ensuring that monies reach schools safely and securely.

The system helps to remove the costs associated with having to manage cash securely on school premises and it frees up time to better support the smooth running of the school. Our school office is now cashless.

If you already have a ParentPay account you don't have to do anything. If you haven't yet activated your ParentPay Account, please contact the school office who will reprint your activation letter to enable you to set up your ParentPay account ready for the start of the new term.

Emergency School Closure Procedures

In exceptional circumstances the school may be unable to function normally. The school may be affected by severe weather or power failures. We shall do all we can to let you know about the details of closure and re-opening through the local radio, press, text messages and letters home. You can be assured that we will never send a child home without first checking that there is an adult at home. Please ensure the school has an email address and telephone number to make contact.

Section 4: School Policies & Practical Information

Enrolment & Placing Requests

Prospective parents who wish to come to see the school are invited to telephone the school office to make an appointment to visit.

If you wish to apply for a school place, whether you are moving into Dundee or moving between two Dundee schools, you need to complete a placing request form. To do this, you should apply online, on the Dundee City Council website - go to **Schools & Learning** then **Enrolments and Placing Requests** and select **In Year Change of School**. If you are moving into the area, applications can be made 4 weeks prior to your arrival. Applications are dealt with in date order and the process may take up to 60 working days.

Parents of prospective Primary 1 pupils who reside in the school's catchment area are asked to register their child's name online on the DCC Website - again, go to **Schools & Learning** then **Enrolments and Placing Requests** then select **P1 Enrolments into Catchment School** between December and the February of the year the child starts school.

Parents of children living outwith the school's catchment area, who wish their child to attend the school, are asked to make a placing request online on the DCC Website - again, go to **Schools & Learning** then **P1 or S1 Placing Requests**. Placing Requests are dealt with in date order and the process should be concluded by the end of April.

School Absence procedures

Please contact the school as soon as possible if your child is absent. Please send a note to school with your child on their return explaining the reason for the absence.

If your child is absent and no contact is made by you, a text message will be sent from the school. If three days pass without explanation for an absence the school and Family Development Worker will arrange to visit you and your child at home.

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The following points are included in the Education Authority's Attendance Initiative

- If your child is ill and cannot attend school please contact the school before, or as soon as possible after 9.00am on the first day of absence.
- If the absence is planned, e.g. a hospital appointment, we ask you to let us know prior to the absence.
- If your child is absent for more than three days please call again or email to tell us.
- If you have not contacted the school to say your child is absent and have received a text message please contact us as soon as possible.

Regular attendance at school ensures your child is receiving the continuous education they are entitled to. Dundee City Council asks that, where possible, parents do not take children out of school for family holidays during term time. In accordance with Scottish Executive guidelines for pupil attendance, most holidays are recorded as unauthorised unless there is proof from an employer that this is the only time when holidays could be taken.

A guide for parents about school attendance explains parental responsibilities with regard to children's attendance at school – <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/12/04134640/0>

Appointments

If your child has an appointment during the school day or needs to leave school for any other reason, please put this in writing. We would appreciate it if routine appointments could be made outwith school hours but understand that this isn't always possible.

If your child does need to leave school during the school day they must be collected by a parent/carer at the main reception. In the interest of safety we cannot allow children to leave the school unaccompanied.

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Accidents/Illness at School

In the event of a child having an accident or becoming ill at school we will attempt to contact the parents so that they can collect the child from school. However, if we cannot contact the parents, we will contact the Emergency Contact whose name and telephone number should be given to us by the parents.

Therefore it is very important that parents inform the school of the name, address and telephone number of the Emergency Contact and advise the school immediately of any changes that occur.

General Safety

1. Pupils are not allowed to leave the school grounds during interval
2. Pupils staying for school lunches or packed lunches must not leave the grounds during lunch time
3. To ensure the safety of all children, children should behave responsibly both in the playground and within the school

Promoting Positive Relationships

In Ardler Primary School we pride ourselves on the high standards of behaviour shown by our school children. Pupils are required to show a regard for their own safety and the safety of others. Our school ethos is rooted in our school aims and values and we continually promote positive relationships through: - our quality teaching and effective class management, pupil-staff relationships which are based on mutual trust and respect and the support of our parents/carers.

Be Safe

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Section 4: School Policies & Practical Information

Several staff have also been trained in restorative approaches to help pupils to explore and discuss the behaviour which occurs in difficult situations. This allows pupils to appreciate how their actions may have affected others, explore their feelings, and repair any harm and hopefully plan ahead to ensure a similar situation is less likely to happen again.

All staff have received training from Pivotal Education to ensure a consistent approach when supporting children and building relationships.

School Concerns and Complaints Procedures

If you want to talk to your child's teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team it is generally better to make an appointment. This ensures that the member of staff is available, that classes are not disturbed and that pupils' lessons are not affected.

If you have made a complaint to the school and you are not satisfied with the outcome, you can have your complaint reviewed by a senior officer in the Children and Families Service.

Education Department publications can be found at:

<http://www.dundee.gov.uk/departments/publications/Education>

Section 5: Parental Involvement

At Ardler Primary School, parental involvement is welcomed and recognised as being essential in developing a strong partnership between parents and schools. We communicate regularly through our newsletter, email and the Seesaw app. All methods provide an ideal platform to keep parents/carers informed of on-going school events. We also email parents to remind them of any events which are happening in school or nursery.

Throughout the school year we have class assemblies, shared start and open afternoons and parents/carers are invited into the school to see the work their children are doing. We have a number of parents who regularly volunteer to assist in educational excursions but we are always in need of your support.

Our very supportive Parent Council hold regular meetings and organise events throughout the year eg. Christmas Disco and Santa's Postbox.

Research has shown that children do better if their parents/carers are involved in their education. Whatever that sphere of involvement may be it is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

Section 6: The Curriculum

Curriculum for Excellence 3-18

Curriculum for Excellence aims to help prepare children and young people with the knowledge and skills they need in a fast changing world. As part of Curriculum for Excellence all children from pre-school to the end of S3 will receive a rounded education known as a Broad General Education. Curriculum for Excellence is all about bringing real life into the classroom and taking lessons beyond it.

Through the experiences we provide we want our children to become Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors. We are committed to providing children with a broad general education and focus on eight curriculum areas.

Expressive Arts	Health & Wellbeing	Languages	Mathematics
Religious & Moral	Sciences	Social Studies	Technologies

Progress in learning is indicated through curriculum levels as detailed below.

Level	Stage
Early	The pre-school years and P1 or later
First	To the end of P4, but earlier or later for some
Second	To the end of P7, but earlier or later for some
Third & Fourth	S1-S3, but earlier for some

Expressive arts: The inspiration and power of the arts play a vital role in enabling our children and young people to enhance their creative talent and develop their artistic skills.

Health and wellbeing: Learning in health and wellbeing ensures that children and young people develop the knowledge, understanding and skills which they need now and in the future to help them with their physical, emotional and social wellbeing.

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Science: Science and its practical application in healthcare and industry is central to our economic future, for our health and wellbeing as individuals and as a society.

Social Studies: Through social studies, children and young people develop their understanding of the world by learning about other people and places both past and present, societies, their beliefs and values.

Religious and moral education: Religious and moral education includes learning about Christianity, Islam and other world religions, and supports the development of beliefs and values.

Languages: Knowing other languages and understanding other cultures is a 21st century skill set for students as they prepare to live and work in a global society.

Mathematics: Mathematics equips us with the skills we need to interpret and analyse information, simplify and solve problems, assess risk and make informed decisions.

Technologies: The range of subjects in technical education has changed significantly over the last two decades and now includes craft, design, engineering and graphics.

Further curricular information can be found at:

www.curriculumforexcellencescotland.gov.uk

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/index.asp

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Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)

The GIRFEC approach is about how staff in all children's services meet their needs by working together to ensure that children reach their full potential.

www.scotland.gov.uk/gettingitright

Religious Observance

Through the ethos and curriculum, we provide opportunities for pupils to explore morals and values. We help learners develop their own beliefs, values and a responsible attitude to others. Pupils are encouraged to develop an understanding of Christianity and other religions. Pupils develop skills of reflection, critical thinking and how to act when making moral decisions. The school welcomes diversity and individuality while emphasising our common commitment to moral values such as honesty, respect for others, compassion and justice. It is a fundamental principle of the school that all who are involved in the life of the school have the right to be respected as individuals and carry the responsibility to act in a considerate and respectful manner towards others.

Under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 "any pupils may be withdrawn by his/her parents from instruction in religious subjects and from religious observance" Parents wishing to exercise this right should discuss with the Head Teacher.

Relationships & Sexual Health

Part of our curriculum involves teaching the children about issues which could be considered sensitive i.e. sexual health and relationships education or drugs and alcohol awareness. On some occasions we may send a letter just to raise awareness that specific issues are to be covered, on other occasions we will actively seek permission to include your child/children in a series of lessons. If any parent is concerned about what is being covered within the curriculum however, they should feel free to speak to a member of staff about this.

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Assessment

Assessment takes place continuously in every classroom within a process known as formative assessment. Teachers observe and talk to children and look at their written work to build up a picture of where each child is in their learning. Assessment tasks are planned and built into day to day learning activities.

From this, teachers help children to see how they can improve and what they need to practise. Self and peer assessment are important parts of this - pupils assess their own learning and help each other to improve.

Within the area of assessment, pupils' learning progress is also measured using standardised assessments which allow the school to develop diagnostic profiles of pupils' strengths and development needs. These assessments also allow comparisons with national levels of attainment. Currently, Scottish National Standardised Assessments (a series of computer-based adaptive tasks) are used to support teachers' judgements of progress in P1, P4 and P7.

The progress of every pupil is tracked throughout their school career. Individual Folios of work, learning journeys and other profiles are started in Primary 1 and built upon throughout each child's school experience. These provide evidence of learning progress and aid reporting to parents/carers.

Reporting to parents

Throughout the year, teachers report to parents in a number of ways relating to the progress of the children. This takes the form of Parents' Evenings, Profiles, formal reports at the end of Term One and the end of the school year. There are opportunities for further meetings with staff throughout the year if required.

Building the Curriculum 5: a framework for assessment provides guidance around the assessment framework –

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/BtC5Framework_tcm4-653230.pdf

Section 6: The Curriculum

Transition to Primary 1

Whether your child is transferring from nursery to Primary 1 or from Primary 7 to secondary school or indeed transferring stage through school they will be entitled to support during this process. School staff make every effort to ensure that important information about your child, their learning and progress and any additional support they require is communicated to the teacher at the next stage of learning.

The school encourages parents to discuss these changes and the Senior Leadership Team will be happy to meet with you to allay any concerns you may have over the new arrangements for your child.

Transfer to secondary school

When your child is due to leave the school at the end of Primary 7, he/she will be allocated a place at their catchment school. The move from primary to secondary school can be a daunting step for pupils and parents. To make this time in the pupils' school career more comfortable, we work closely with secondary schools to provide a range of transitional activities throughout Primary 7. These include Primary School visits from secondary school staff and also a 2 day visit to the secondary school where pupils follow a secondary school timetable. Around this time, secondary staff meet with the Primary 7 teachers to discuss the needs of the children.

Section 7: Support for Pupils

Most children make satisfactory progress in school and their education can be fully supported by their class teacher. Some children may, however, need additional support to help them access learning in the classroom. Assessment and planning for their needs will be done through a Child's Plan which identifies their strengths, barriers to learning and what action or support required to meet their additional needs. A very small number of children with significant and long-term additional support needs may meet the criteria for a Co-ordinated Support Plan. These will be children who receive a lot of support from people outside education; for example, from health and social work staff.

Support for learning takes place in every class and is the responsibility of all staff in the school. All of our pupils are encouraged to work to the highest level of their ability and extra help is available for children who may require it to help them achieve their potential. The Head Teacher, teachers and other staff work closely to ensure that children and young people's individual learning needs are met.

The work of Support for Learning staff is co-ordinated by the Depute Head Teacher, is regularly reviewed and is based upon pupil need. Support may be given within the class or within another setting, and may be within a group although it is always based upon the needs of the individual child.

The procedures and processes by which an individual child's needs are identified and addressed are set out in Dundee City Council's Children and Families Service policy on Supporting Learners. Central to this is the assessment of need using a staged intervention model and the involvement of parents. We also maintain very valuable partnerships within education and with agencies beyond to support pupils who have additional needs of any kind.

To help assess the specific needs of any pupil who may require extra help the school is able to call upon the services an Educational Psychologist from Dundee Educational Psychology Service. Before such a step is taken, parents are always contacted and the reason for such a referral is fully explained and parental co-operation sought.

Section 7: Support for Pupils

As a parent/carer you can access a wide range of information with regard to additional support needs. The information is available both at your local school and on the Dundee City Council website on this internet page <http://www.dundeeccity.gov.uk/education/support/>

The following are available for you at the above internet page.

- Assessing Additional Support Needs
- Attending Pupil Support Planning Meetings
- Co-ordinated Support Plan
- Dispute Resolution
- Dispute Resolution Referral Form
- Mediation - Parent to Parent leaflet
- Supporting Learning (Dundee City Council Education Department, Support for Learning Policy)
- Supporting Learning in Dundee

This internet page also has many other leaflets on related topics which might be of interest to you.

If you cannot access the internet, please ask the School Office if you would like a copy of any of these documents.

The Additional Support for Learning (Scotland) Act 2004 as amended by the 2009 Act came into force on 15 November 2010. The recommendations of the Children and Young People's Act (2014), in particular the Child's Plan and the responsibility of the Named Person, also affects how we assess and plan for all children and young people.

Section 7: Support for Pupils

Information on additional support needs is also available to you from outside Dundee City Council:

Enquire - The Scottish Advice Service for Additional Support for Learning

Operated by Children in Scotland, Enquire offers independent, confidential advice and information on additional support for learning through:

a telephone helpline - 0845 123 2303

an email enquiry service - info@enquire.org.uk

an online enquiry service

two websites - www.enquire.org.uk (for parents/carers and practitioners) and www.enquire.org.uk/yp (for children and young people)

Enquire also provide a range of clear and easy-to-read guides and fact sheets explaining everything from 'additional support in the early years' to 'what planning should take place for moving on from school'.

Let's Talk ASN

Let's Talk ASN is a free service for the parents of children with additional support needs who may require support in relation to a dispute or potential dispute with an education authority. It is a joint initiative of Govan Law Centre (Charity No. SC030193) and Kindred Advocacy (Charity No. SC000264). It provides support for parents and young people from the time they have grounds to make a reference to the Additional Support Needs Tribunal for Scotland (ASNTS).

Advice and information regarding this service can be obtained by email or phone-call:

letstalkasn@edlaw.org.uk 0141 445 1955

Scottish Child Law Centre

The Scottish Child Law Centre is a charitable body registered in Scotland under registration number SCO12741." It offers advice and support for families in regard of additional support needs.

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The Scottish Government website's Additional Support for Learning page also provides links to relevant legislation and guidance, including the arrangements that should be in place to support pupils with additional support needs: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education/Schools/welfare/ASL>

The 'Supporting Children's Learning Code of Practice (Revised edition)' - provides Statutory guidance relating to the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 as amended: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/04/04090720/21>

'Getting It Right For Every Child and Young Person', is essential reading for anyone involved or working with children and young people, including practitioners working in adult services with parents and carers. Find it at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright>

'Supporting Learners - guidance on the identification, planning and provision of support' is at <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/supportinglearners/>

Section 8: School Improvement

Our School Improvement Plan sets out our priorities for improving the school over the next school session. We have consulted staff, parents and pupils in deciding our priorities which are being taken forward in the following 3 main projects:

PRESENCE - Improved Attendance for all Learners Across the Nursery and Primary School

- Identify target groups in Nursery and Primary 1-7 for session 2025/26
- Further rigour in monthly attendance meetings
- Whole school initiatives to promote attendance up to and including the last day of term

PARTICIPATION - Dundee Standard for Inclusive Practice

- Review our school's curriculum links to the life experiences of the learners to reflect the work undertaken within the review of our curriculum rationale and design
- Revisit audit tool and review the work undertaken in 2024-25: Physical Environment, Resources, Relationships, Routines and Structures, and Teaching Input
- Engage with remaining sections of Dundee Standard of Inclusive Practice Audit tool: Relevance, Developing Independence, Demonstrating and Applying Learning and Supporting Long-term planning

PROGRESS - Writing and Numeracy

Writing

- Additional teachers to engage with CYPIC Writing Programme
- Good practice in writing to continue
- Quality Improvement methodology to be an integral part of all school improvements activity

Section 8: School Improvement

Numeracy

- Improve Numeracy attainment for target groups
- Quality improvement model to be used in improving attainment in Numeracy
- Engagement with pedagogy team to improve numeracy attainment

Section 8: School Improvement

Attainment Data 2024 - 2025

	Reading	Writing	Talking & Listening	Numeracy
Primary 1 (CFE Early Level)	70%	80%	85%	85%
Primary 4 (CFE 1st Level)	79%	75%	85%	75%
Primary 7 (CFE 2nd Level)	79%	64%	86%	71%

Attendance Data 2024 - 2025

Ardler Primary School Attendance Data 2022-2023	Primary	%
	P1	94.3%
	P2	91.8%
	P3	94%
	P4	92.4%
	P5	92.3%
	P6	93%
	P7	94%

Exclusions Data 2024 - 2025

Ardler Primary School Total Exclusions Openings 2024-2025	4
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Section 9: Extra Curricular Activities

Thanks to the continuing support of parents, pupils and staff, Active Schools and Sports Development Coaches, the following activities take place in Ardler Primary School, increasingly many are being led by our senior pupils.

- Boys Football
- Girls Football
- Netball
- Homework Club
- Athletics
- Newspaper Club
- Multi Sports
- Heroes Club
- Basic Moves
- Choir
- Bikeability
- Dance
- Skiing
- Dance
- Cooking

Pupils work together across ages and stages to improve and contribute to our school community. The Leading Learning organise events such as book sales and Eco Days. P7 will also enjoy activity days for 3 days of outdoor pursuits.

Ardler Primary School pupils participate in many events throughout each school session. It is a positive school decision to include pupils in as many competitions/quizzes and events as possible in order to raise the profile of the school and to give pupils opportunities to represent the school and identify with the school community. Pupils also have weekly opportunities to achieve Pupil of the Week, awards for achieving success in something from that school week and Golden Owl awards for acts of kindness.

In recognition that many achievements and important learning takes place out with the classroom, at Ardler Primary School we continuously strive to offer varied experiences to our pupils which focus on celebrating success and achievements.

Section 10: ScotXed Education Statistics Privacy Notice for Pupil and Teacher Data

These notices are intended to provide information to pupils, teachers and parents about data collected through Scottish Government Statistical Surveys including why it is needed, data policy and individuals' data protection rights. The changes in the latest version are intended to:

- Clarify that the information collected is about pupils/teachers in schools rather than solely related to the Pupil or Teacher Census.
- Continue to inform pupils, teachers and parents that the data may be shared with partners for statistics and research purposes and clarify that this could include linkage to other sources in line with the National Data Linkage Guiding Principles.
- Confirm that pupil/teacher names and address (other than postcode) are never collected.

Local authorities are responsible for ensuring pupils, teachers and parents are kept informed about how data will be used and that such information provided is reviewed regularly to ensure it is in line with best practice.

You can access the updated notices at the following links:

- Education Statistics Privacy Notice – Pupils – <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed/SchoolEducation/SchoolPupilCensus/SchoolHandbookInsertpupils>
- Education Statistics Privacy Notice – Teachers – <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/ScotXed/SchoolEducation/StaffCensus/SchoolHandbookInsertstaff>



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