

# Welcome to Burnbrae Primary School



June 2021

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# Linda Clarkson

## Head Teacher

A warm welcome to all families with a child starting Primary One in August 2021. We look forward to getting to know you and your child next session. Across both our buildings we have high aspirations for all our learners who are encouraged to be ready, respectful and safe through our school vision of playing, growing and learning together. We work closely with ELC settings to ensure a smooth transition for all children. The All About Me form at the end of this presentation will provide you with an opportunity to share information about your child with the Primary One team.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or telephone -

[Burnbrae.ps@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Burnbrae.ps@midlothian.gov.uk)

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# Depute Head Team



Kerry Knight



Amy Richmond



Clare McCallum

# Primary One Team



P1A Fiona Hill Monday – Tuesday  
and Moira Nelson Wednesday –  
Friday



P1B Marie Hamlyn



P1C Orla Farrell



P1D Amy Jones

# Burnbrae Vision

## Our Vision

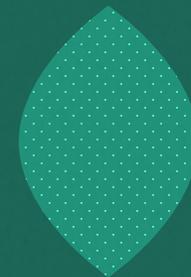
- Burnbrae plays together, grows together, learns together
- Children are encouraged to behave in a way which ensures every learner is Ready to learn, Respectful and Safe. Every class has a charter setting out the standards agreed and also a Board of Recognition to encourage children to aspire to be their best.
- We are committed to working together with families and other agencies to ensure all learners can be all they can be.



# Website

We have a dedicated ELC – P1 transition page which is updated weekly and includes the following:

- Weekly Mid Mouse update
  - Transition letters
  - Virtual tour featuring videos from staff and pupils
  - Top tips for families
  - Links to the school handbook (KK check)
  - Transition story list
  - Curriculum information
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- [ELC – P1 Transition | Burnbrae Primary School \(mgfl.net\)](https://mgfl.net/ELC-P1-Transition)



# Virtual Tour

- **Virtual Tours for all Midlothian Schools**
- <https://www.thinglink.com/card/1322124348550545410>
- **Burnbrae Virtual Tour**
- <https://burnbrae.mgfl.net/elc-p1-transition/>

# Why is Transition Important?

**It helps children at all transitions if staff and parents:**

- **Talk with them about what is going to happen**
- **Encourage them to talk about any concerns or anxieties**
- **Listen carefully to their concerns and consider sharing them with other relevant people**
- **Help them become familiar with the new setting and what will be expected of them**

Scottish Government Curriculum for Excellence Fact-file – Transitions  
June 2011

- The really important thing to remember for all parents is that what you are already doing with your children at home IS supporting their learning
- Research shows us that in the Early Years children learn best through real life experiences, like helping sort the washing, preparing meals and just talking

On our transition webpage you will find a presentation with general advice about starting school, a link to the best start grant, links to other agencies and ways you can support from home



# Mid Mouse

- In Midlothian, all Early Years settings and primary schools are working together on one big project called Mid Mouse
- This means that no matter what nursery they are enrolled in, or what primary school they move into, all children will be familiar with the same story and will have shared experiences
- Research shows that shared experiences are one of the ways that we can support children during times of transition

Mid Mouse information can be found here -

[ELC – P1 Transition | Burnbrae Primary School \(mgfl.net\)](#)



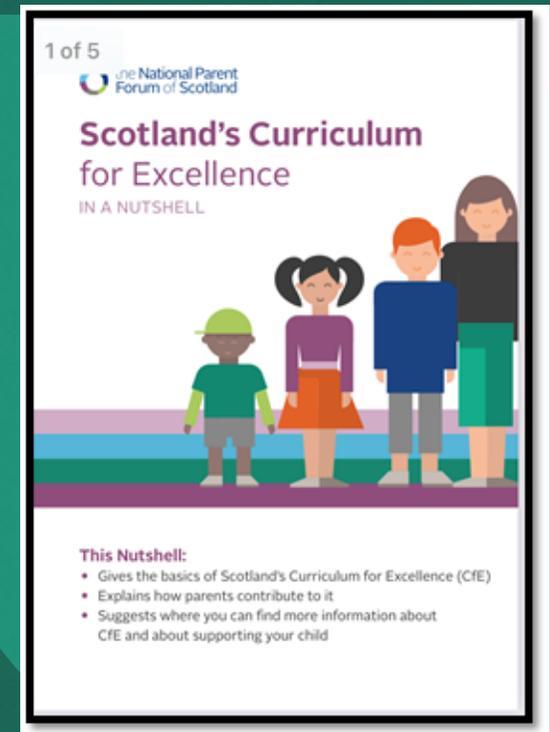
# Curriculum for Excellence

- Scotland's curriculum – Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) – helps our children and young people gain the knowledge, skills and attributes needed for life in the 21st century

Curriculum for Excellence places learners at the heart of education. At its centre are four fundamental capacities. These capacities reflect and recognise the lifelong nature of education and learning. The four capacities are aimed at helping children and young people to become:

- Successful learners
- Confident individuals
- Responsible citizens
- Effective contributors

Further information can be found here - [Curriculum for Excellence in a Nutshell](#)



# Developing skills through play

I will learn to read  
but first I need to...

**Rhyme**  
I need to recognise the sounds that letters make before I can read

**Look at books**  
I need to be interested in words and books to read

**Track**  
I need to follow objects with my eyes to read

**Talk**  
I need an extensive vocabulary to understand what I read

**Do puzzles**  
I need to differentiate size, shapes, lines and directions to read

**Build**  
I need to use my fingers and hands independently to hold books and turn pages

... and I need someone to read to me every day!

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TESTING PROPERTIES  
**LEADERSHIP** SHARING SPACE  
NEGOTIATING  
EXERCISE EXPLORATION **SPACE TO PLAY** TURN-TAKING FORAGING  
BEING IN CONTROL  
MAKING USE OF WHAT YOUVE GOT  
**HAPPINESS** BEING AWAY FROM ADULTS  
WORKING TOGETHER  
OVERCOMING FEAR **FREEDOM** **RISK TAKING**  
BEING CREATIVE MANIPULATING THE ENVIRONMENT  
PROBLEM SOLVING  
BUILDING EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE  
**COMMUNICATION** **BUILDING COMMUNITY**  
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEVELOPING/STRENGTHENING NEURAL PATHWAYS  
EXPERIMENTING WITH SCIENTIFIC CONCEPTS

# Importance of Play

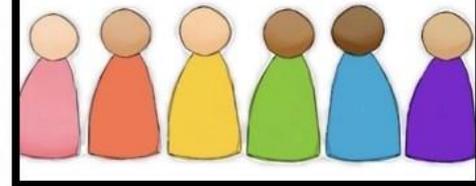
*...play at this time is not trivial, it is highly serious and of deep significance*  
(Froebel, 1826)

- Curriculum for Excellence (2007) gives prominence to play, particularly across the early level and the transition between ELC and primary school. This transition will likely be smoother for the child if play remains and continues as the main vehicle for their early learning in P1 and beyond.
- Play is an intrinsic part of human nature and development. The essential role of play is well documented. Through play a child develops their cognitive, social, emotional and physical capacities
- Through play, the child can learn to answer their own questions, learn new skills and learn to work collaboratively with other children or adults

Realising the Ambition



Play is not a break  
from learning.  
Play is learning.



# Parent Pay

## Online payments for schools and early years

- We use the ParentPay online payments system at Burnbrae Primary School, You can use ParentPay to pay securely online by debit or credit card. You can pay for a large range of school services and activities including trips, milk and school dinners. You will be given an activation letter when your child is fully enrolled into the school.

# Uniform

- Burnbrae Primary School uniform can be purchased from Border Embroideries via the online store – <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/>

Below is a list of clothing we promote:

Item	Colour	Colour P7
Sweatshirt/Cardigan	Royal Blue (P1-P6)	P7 Hoodies - Various Colours
Shirt Polo Shirt	White or Red	White or Red
Skirt, Trousers, Pinafore	Navy, Black or Grey	Navy , Black or Grey
School Dresses	Red or Blue Gingham	
Joggers (No Logos)	Plain Black (P1-P7)	Grey (P7)
Leggings	Black	Black
Tie	Blue ,Black and White	Blue ,Black and White
Shoes/Trainers –No designer shoes please	Black	Black

## Gym Kit

A T-shirt, shorts or joggers and gym shoes is worn for gym sessions. This is required in school **at all times**. Children remove all jewellery, including earrings and watches for P.E and hair is tied back for safety reasons. As PE is often undertaken outdoors, a sweatshirt is recommended. Due to Covid-19 restrictions children are only changing shoes for indoor PE

**Please label all clothing with your child's name.**

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*The Authority operates a scheme of clothing grants to assist parents in ensuring that a pupil is sufficiently and suitably clad to take full advantage of the education provided. Families in receipt of Income-based Job Seekers allowance, on Income Support or Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit (subject to a maximum annual income), both maximum Child Tax Credit and maximum Working Tax Credit (subject to a maximum annual income) or support under Part VI or the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 will automatically qualify for such a scheme. Other cases will be determined according to the personal circumstances of the family. Parents who wish to apply for the scheme should complete an application form which is available from this school or the Education and Children's Services Division, Fairfield House, 8 Lothian Road, Dalkeith EH22 3ZG.*

**School Uniform Bank**

The Parent Council have set up and continue to run a uniform bank in the school where you can exchange items of uniform as your child grows. We always have a stock of school sweatshirts, hoodies, polo shirts, trousers and skirts in various sizes.

# Lunch

- School meals currently cost £2.10 and are available to buy on parent pay on a daily or weekly basis when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted
- The dinner hall is now cashless and children cannot use money at lunch time. Money must be taken to the office first thing in the morning to be added to each child's account. Children in Primary 1 – 3 now receive free school dinners. A menu is issued to parents regularly. Primary 1 — 3 do not automatically receive free milk
- If you are eligible for or are in receipt of Free School Meals, Milk and Clothing grant, you should already have a form from Midlothian council to fill in and return to them. If you do not have this form please contact the school

# First Week

## Wednesday 18th August

- children will attend for one hour in a small group of 5 – 6 children to allow families time to meet the Class Teacher at drop off and pick up time
- 1D – children will attend on a 1:1 basis for 45 minutes each
- details of your visit time will be sent home before the summer along with details of which class your child is in.

## Thursday 19th August

- all children will attend from 9:00 – 12:00
- Children should bring one small snack and a bottle of water. Please do not send any items which contain nuts
- We would encourage children not to bring special items or toys to school. Some children may rely on a toy as a transition object which we will happily support but it is useful if you can make us aware of this on the All About Me form.

## Friday 20th August

- all children attend from 9:00 – 12:00. Again, please send one small snack and a bottle of water

**Please make sure all water bottles and items of uniform are clearly labelled with the name of your child**

# The School Day

Class	Mon-Thurs Drop off	Mon – Thurs Pick up	Fri
Primary 1	Flexible Start 8.50 – 9.05	3.05pm	8.50-9.05am – 12.15pm
Primary 2 and 3	Flexible Start 8.50 – 9.05	3.10pm	8.50-9.05am – 12.20pm
Primary 4-7	Flexible Start 8.50 – 9.05	3.15pm	8.50-9.05am – 12.25pm

## THE SCHOOL DAY

### Primary Classes

To allow for social distancing at drop off and pick up we are operating a staggered start and end to the school day

Interval – 10.15 – 10.30 and 10.30 – 10.45

Lunch – 12.00 – 12.45 and 12.45 – 1.30

# All About Me

We would like to provide you with an opportunity to pass on any information you would like your child's Teacher to know ahead of August

As part of our transition process we will gather information from all ELC settings and also share this with the P1 team

For families with children already attending Burnbrae you will see the questions below are the same questions asked at the ELC initial visits.

You can answer as many or as little of the questions you feel are relevant to your child.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Uqn7J0iSvx>



# Parent Council

- Burnbrae has a parent group called the **Burnbrae Primary School Parent Council**. The membership of which comprises parents and other interested parties within the community. The group meet twice a term with the main aim of fund raising for the school.
- [burnbraeparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:burnbraeparentcouncil@gmail.com)



# Keep in Touch

The school App is our main platform for sharing school newsletters and information. Information will always be posted to the school app in the first instance. Please contact the school office if you require support to download the app

You can download a free copy of our school app from the android or apple app stores

Seesaw will be used to share learning from home and school

Staff can post announcements and reminders to families between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm on Seesaw

All communication for appointments should be made through the school office

Direct messages to staff should only be made through email to [Burnbrae.PS@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Burnbrae.PS@midlothian.gov.uk)

Good news and general achievements will also be shared on Twitter @BurnbraePS and for the ELC @BurnbraeEarly

If you have any questions about transition please email the team or speak to staff at the ELC gate - [Burnbrae.ps@Midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Burnbrae.ps@Midlothian.gov.uk)

Please regularly check the school app for dates, news and messages



We have a page on Facebook set up to promote our website, twitter feeds, upcoming events in school and to provide families with links to support children at home. All comments are moderated. If you have any concerns please don't post on our Facebook page but contact the school directly. Burnbrae Parent Council has a Facebook page.



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