

Primary 1 Parent Information Evening



Session 2024-25



The process of transition occurs over time beginning well before children start school and extending to the point where children and families feel a sense of belonging to school and when educators recognise this sense of learning



Introduction

- School Information
- Staffing/People Who Help
- Class Organisation
- P1 Curriculum
- Dates, School Day and Routines
- Uniform
- Communication/Information Packs
- Questions



School Information



- Approximately 360 pupils in 13 mainstream classes and we will continue to grow moving forward
- 3 classes in Glenable provision
- ELC setting for 56 children
- Curriculum for Excellence
- Very good level of parental support and an active Parent Council
- Strong links with outside agencies who support our learners
- Cycle/Scooter Friendly, Active Schools, JRSO, Pupil voice and student leadership opportunities at all ages



Mission, Vision and Values

Mission

At Gore Glen Early Learning Centre and Primary School, our mission is to place children and families at the heart, creating a vibrant and nurturing school community. Our aim is to create safe, meaningful and stimulating learning environments and curriculum. Every day is a magical journey of learning and enquiry for us all to soar beyond our full potential together. We develop a passion for life-long learning, preparing children for our ever changing world. We believe that we can achieve more when we share a common direction and a sense of community. Everyone is valued and every voice is heard.

Vision

At Gore Glen our vision is everyone SOARING BEYOND OUR POTENTIAL TOGETHER.

Values

We have defined our values in 'The Gore Glen Way'.

These values are our core expectations for everyone in our community *#thegoreglenway*

- **Be Safe** - children, families and staff have the right to come to school and feel safe in their environment.
- **Be Respectful** - there is an ethos of mutual respect, kindness and trust for all.
- **Be Ready to Learn** - everyone is challenged and supported effectively in their learning to soar beyond their full potential. One size fits one.



Primary Leadership Team



Head Teacher
Miss Amy Milne



Depute Head Teacher
Mr Gillon Rand



Primary Leadership Team



Principal Teacher
Mrs Julie Unrau



Principal Teacher
Mrs Laura Forsyth



Principal Teacher (Glenable)
Mr Ryan Thomson



P1 Team - Teachers



Mrs Heather Docherty



Miss Laura Gilhooly



Mrs Katy Chan
(Mondays and PE)



P1 Team Continued...



Mrs Jane Libberton
P1 Early Years Practitioner



Miss Nicole Carnevale
Learning Assistant



People Who Help Us

Support for Learning Team



Mrs Emma Stevens Teacher



Mrs Lisa Torres Learning Assistant



People Who Help Us

Administration Team and Home School Practitioner



Mrs Loraine Wood



Mrs Lisa McWhinnie



Mrs Jenni Tait



People Who Help Us

Mrs D Linton and her team
Our School Cook



People Who Help Us

Mrs S Agnew and team
Our School Caretaker and cleaner



People Who Help Us Gorebridge After School Care



Application in process for onsite
breakfast and afterschool club

[https://www.facebook.com/gorebridgeafterschool/?locale=en GB](https://www.facebook.com/gorebridgeafterschool/?locale=en_GB)



People Who Help Us

School Parent Council

<https://www.facebook.com/Goreglenparentcouncil/>

<https://twitter.com/goreglenpc>



Class Organisation

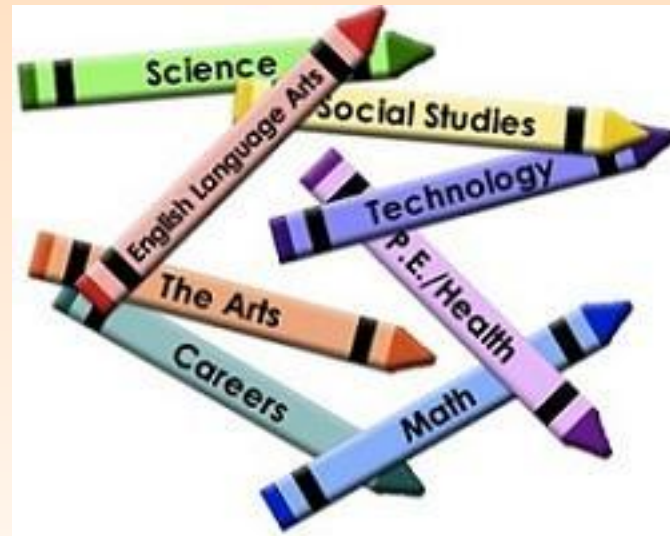
- P1 classes are smaller.
- Classes organised by birthdays - Midlothian Policy
- Differentiation to meet the needs of children within the classes
- P1 and ELC continue to work closely



Curriculum for Excellence (CfE)

Children in P1 are working within Early Level which they began at ELC:

- Literacy
- Maths and Numeracy
- Health and Wellbeing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Technologies
- Expressive Arts
- RME





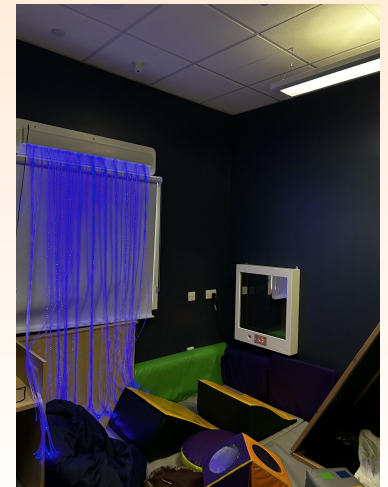
Life in P1

- Child-led and play based learning similar to ELC
- Whole class teaching, group and individual teaching and continuous provision
- Opportunities to develop independence and self-help skills
- Strong communication links between home and school
- Seesaw to share learning and information



Glenable

- Similar to ELC/P1 set up with play based learning and short targeted teaching moments.
- Focus points include: life skills programmes, gaining independence and accessing the community safely.
- Safe Space "Green Room", kitchen, sensory room all available to use to support regulation/learning.
- Class sizes max 8, generally with 1 teacher & 2 support staff.



Learning Experiences

- Learning through play
- Outdoor learning
- Playtimes and lunchtimes - Healthy School
- Dining hall
- Assembly and Community Singing - class assemblies
- Wander
- After school/lunch time clubs
- Fun days, Christmas Fair, school discos/parties
- Trips and excursions



1st Day Staggered Start



Your child's start date will be
Wednesday 14th Aug

Option 1 - 9am start - 3pm early finish

Option 2 - 9:15 start - 3pm early finish

Normal hours Friday - 8:50am-12:25pm
(These Friday Hours are new from August 2024)



P1 School Day

		Break		Lunch	
Monday-Thursday	8:50am - 10:30am	10:30am - 10:45am	10:45am - 12:15pm	12:15pm - 1pm	1pm - 3:15pm
Friday	8:50am - 10:45am	10:45am - 11am	11am - 12:25am		

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Entering the School

If your child is in P1 they will enter through the ELC garden into their own class door where the teacher will be there to greet them.

Please inform your class teacher if someone else is picking your child up at the end of the day. Please inform the teacher at drop off or contact school office throughout the day.



What I Need for School

- A small school bag - rucksack style best
- Indoor shoes (Velcro)
- PE kit - shorts, t shirt
- Change of clothes
- Suitable outdoor clothing for the weather

**Please label
everything**



Break and Lunch



- Bring a healthy snack (nut free)
- Milk can be ordered in August
- School dinners are free for P1s
- Menu available on the website (order forms issued in due course)
- Bring your own healthy packed lunch if you would prefer
- Fruit offered daily during lunch
- Buddy system to help and support P1's in classroom/dinner hall and playground
- Staff in the playground and classroom/dining hall



What if my child is unwell?

- Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. If your child is sick, the school policy is 48 hours before they return.
- Telephone the school by 9am
- If you don't phone, we **MUST** text and/or phone to establish the reason for absence
- If your child becomes unwell at school, a member of staff will contact you to discuss



What if my child has medication?

- Staff are trained in Emergency First Aid
- Consent forms
 - Regular medication e.g. inhaler
 - Self-administered medication - see the office staff



What Should My Child Wear?

- Uniform - black trousers/skirt/shorts/ tunic, white/black polo top, Gore Glen jumper/cardigan/hoodie, green and white check dress, black shoes (Velcro)



PLEASE!!!!

- We would ask that you label all clothing and accessories with your child's name!



Family Fridays - sports wear no football strips

How Can You Support Us?

- Encourage your child to get dressed independently and put on shoes by themselves over the summer holidays
- Independent self help skills such as toileting
- Ensure the school has up-to-date contact details
- Make sure everything is labelled
- Come along to our Parent Council meetings.



What Can I Expect from School?

- Weekly communication from the Leadership Team
- Updates on class/school information and learning Seesaw
- Informal discussions with the class teacher before or at end of school day if necessary
- 2 Parent Consultation appointments per year (Oct/March)
- Written Progress Report in June
- School Information on website
- Celebrating success on Twitter
- An open invitation to our Family Fridays and your class Assemblies
- Any questions or concerns can be shared with the admin team by phone or email and they will be passed on to the correct member of the teaching or leadership team.



Parent Pay



- Payment for trips, milk etc can be made via Parentpay (preferred option)
- www.parentpay.com
- Accounts for families new to the school cannot be set up until August
- Any cash/cheques that come into school should be in an envelope labelled with your child's name and class





We hope your child will be very happy at Gore Glen PS.

A positive partnership between home and school ensures the best possible educational experience for your child.

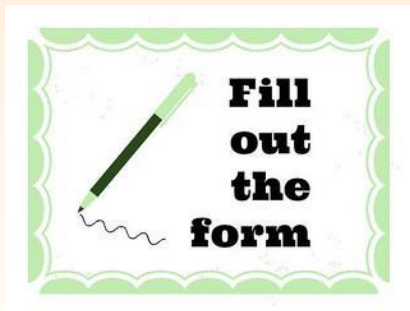
We look forward to working with you and your child.



Welcome Packs Work in Progress

Website being updated
Moving to digital permission forms

Medical Form (as required)
PC- Local Outing Form
ParentPay Information
Photo/Video Consent Form
Friday Meals Form



Information on our website

- School handbook
- School Session Dates for 2024-25
- Active Schools Information
- Parksmart Information
- School Closure/Adverse Weather info
- Staff Information

<https://edublog.mgfl.net/goreglen1/>



Session Dates 2024-25

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL
2023 - 2024 School Calendar

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 School Closed/Holidays

 Teachers In-Service Day (Closed for pupils)

These are on the Midlothian Council website and are subject to change.



Communication



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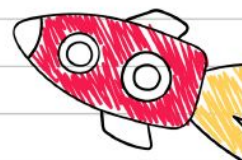


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<https://x.com/GoreGlen>



Transition Events:



Primary 1 Transition Dates

Dates	Activity
Wednesday 1st May 2024 6pm - 6:45pm	Primary 1 Parent Information Evening in the School Hall - all information including the Information Evening presentation will be shared on the school website.
Wednesday 8th May 2024 Group 1: 9:15am -10am Group 2: 10:30 - 11:15am	P1 Class and Atrium experience with a parent/carer P1 children and one parent are invited in to join in activities with the P1 team in the classes and atrium. Families will be contacted with their group time when we have received the P1 enrolment information.
Wednesday 29th May 2024 Group 1: 9:15am -10am Group 2: 10:30 - 11:15am	P1 playground activities with a parent/carer P1 children and one parent are invited in to join in activities with the P1 team in the P1 Playground. Families will be contacted with their group time when we have received the P1 enrolment information.
Wednesday 12th June 2024 10:30am - 12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10:30-11:30 - P1 children in their P1 class - no parents and whole class10:30-11:30 - P1 parents/carers invited to the library for meet and greet coffee morning with Senior Leadership Team and other P1 families11:30-12pm - P1 children and parents/carers invited to stay for lunch in the dinner hall.

More information is available on the school website and will be further updated in May and June 24
<https://edublog.mgfl.net/goreglen1/primary-1-transition/>

