

Our Christian Vision is that – Everyone is welcome.

Everyone who spends time learning and growing at Longhoughton is encouraged to reach their full potential with courage, compassion and creativity to make a difference in the future. We are respectful of God’s world, working together to create a loving and caring community.

The Statutory Framework for the early years foundation stage, published March 2021 states that:

‘Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential. Children develop quickly in the early years and a child’s experiences between birth and age five have a major impact on their future life chances. A secure, safe and happy childhood is important in its own right. Good parenting and high quality early learning together provide the foundation children need to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow up.’

Our Intent

At Longhoughton Primary School our intention is to provide the children in our care with the best possible start to their lives and we aim to nurture children with a passion for life long learning. In order for this to happen, children are welcomed into our stimulating, safe and happy learning environment to lay the foundations for their future success. The curriculum is designed to recognise children’s prior learning, is well sequenced and adaptable to suit the individual and cohort needs and to support them in becoming resilient learners. It has a clear structure and intends to teach children about their immediate world including nature, the relationships they are building, the imaginations they are developing, the questions they are asking and the key skills they are learning in order to be ready and excited for their onward school journey. We work in partnership with parents and believe that learning starts at home and therefore value and welcome parental input at every opportunity. Great emphasis is placed on the home-school relationship and we strive to ensure that we are available to communicate and support parents in a range of ways.

To enable children to learn best, we will provide them with:

* high expectations of achievement for all
* quality first teaching
* sustained shared thinking
* time to plan, explore and reflect on learning
* appropriate challenge and questioning
* inspirational environments and resources
* collaborative learning opportunities
* support to develop learning mindsets
* exciting and memorable experiences

We believe children learn best when:

* they experience positive engagement with learning
* enabling adults facilitate their learning
* provide opportunities to be taught and acquire specific vocabulary
* they are supported to follow their own interests through research and first hand experiences
* they have time to learn, return, practise, refine and master
* they use their imagination to be creative
* they are inspired to explore
* learning is a collaborative experience
* teaching and learning opportunities are tailored to them as an individual enabling them to be successful learners

This ethos is at the heart of the experience that your child will have at Longhoughton Primary School. You can see and read about this ethos in practice on our class blogs which can be found on the St George class page.  Furthermore, we would be delighted to show you around our department and talk with you first hand about our commitment to the very best early years education.