

Argyll and Bute Council Education Service

# Welcoming our Armed Forces

Information for Families of Serving Personnel and Veterans in the  
Helensburgh and Lomond Area.

Supporting children  
and young people  
from Armed Forces  
families.

Offering a warm  
welcome to  
Helensburgh  
and Lomond.



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## SECTION 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### **Argyll & Bute's Education Vision:**

Our education service is forward looking and ambitious, continuously improving the quality of provision through self- evaluation. Achievement, raising attainment and inclusion are at the heart of all we do. We recognise the importance of involving the whole community in educating a child. We will ensure that views are listened to, heard and acted upon, and make sure that every child and young person has an effective and appropriate education led by top quality head teachers, class teachers and support staff.

#### **Argyll & Bute's Education aim:**

To work together to create a community, with a culture where our young people are included, successful, ambitious and creative and where they can aspire to be the best they can be.

#### **Armed Forces Context within Helensburgh and Lomond**

Her Majesty's Naval Base (HMNB) Clyde, at Faslane, is a major local employer for both civilian and Service personnel and has a direct impact on the number of Service children currently enrolled within Helensburgh and Lomond Schools.

HMNB Clyde is home to the United Kingdom's Strategic Nuclear Deterrent and the Astute Class submarines. However it is also the base port for the First Mine Countermeasure Squadron (MCM1), the Faslane Patrol Boat Squadron (FPBS), the Royal Marine's 43 Commando Fleet Protection Group and the Northern Diving Group (NDG). It also has significant numbers of Armed Forces personnel involved in training, engineering support, personnel support, administration and medical roles.

The ships, submarines and support organisations and their differing roles means that there is a constant cycle of, often unpredictable, deployment patterns. Depending upon the particular role being conducted, there can be times when contact between Service personnel and their families is extremely limited, often for extended periods.

Our Service children and young people often experience situations and challenges that their civilian counterparts may not. Particularly coping without a parent during deployments can have an impact upon children from Armed Forces families. Mobility within the Services may also mean that children change schools and geographical locations more frequently, adding extra pressures.

Education, from early years through to higher education, can provide the stability to help children and young people through these times.

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### SERVICE FAMILY LIAISON

#### Teaching Staff

Teaching staff in Helensburgh and Lomond are aware of the issues faced by children from Armed Forces through training opportunities and their close links to the community.

Staff will support your child in their new learning community, help them settle in, ensure that they continue to learn and also identify and support pupils who have gaps in their learning that have arisen from moving between different education systems. Staff will provide pastoral and emotional support to pupils who may be affected by their parent's deployment.

#### Service Pupil Advisor



**Davina Blair, Service Pupil Advisor**, is the nominated person for overseeing and supporting Armed Forces Families in Argyll and Bute.

**Contact details:** Colgrain Education Office  
Redgauntlet Road  
Helensburgh  
Argyll  
G84 7TZ

Tel: 01436 657665

Email: [Davina.blair@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Davina.blair@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

The Service Pupil Advisor is a unique role created by Argyll and Bute Council to provide advice and support for the large numbers of Armed Forces children in the Helensburgh and Lomond area. This temporary post is funded by the MOD Education Support Fund.

Their role is to act as a key contact and point of reference for Armed Forces families. They are involved in providing opportunities for families to come together to discuss and learn about issues which are important to them. They also contribute to the development of training for staff to help raise awareness in schools of issues facing Armed Forces families in our area.

The Service Pupil Advisor aims to strengthen the pupil voice by promoting and developing HMS Heroes groups, currently established in some schools in Helensburgh and Lomond. They are also working with high school pupils to create a DVD outlining the specific challenges faced by children from Armed Forces families.

#### Liaison with HMNB Clyde

Argyll & Bute Council work alongside staff at HMNB Clyde to ensure that families from our Armed Forces continue to be an important part of our community. This is enshrined in the Argyll & Bute Armed Forces Community Covenant Agreement.

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### Overview of Education provision in Helensburgh and Lomond

Scotland's Education System provides a curriculum for children aged 3 – 18.

In Scotland, Local Authorities have had a duty to secure a funded part-time early learning and childcare place for every 3 and 4 year old whose parents wish it. You are entitled to a funded part-time place for your child, broadly speaking, from the beginning of the school term starting after their third birthday.

Children begin primary school at the starting age of 4-5 years old. Your child will be placed automatically into Primary 1 in August if his or her fifth birthday falls between 1 March of that year and the last day of February the following year.

Children normally transfer to secondary school after the Primary 7 stage (see table below):

Starting Age	Provision	Stage
3	Pre-5 unit	Early Years
3-4	Pre-5 unit	Early Years
4-5	Primary	Primary 1
5-6	Primary	Primary 2
6-7	Primary	Primary 3
7-8	Primary	Primary 4
8-9	Primary	Primary 5
9-10	Primary	Primary 6
10-11	Primary	Primary 7
11-12	Secondary	S1
12-13	Secondary	S2
13-14	Secondary	S3
14-15	Secondary	S4
15-16	Secondary	S5
16-17	Secondary	S6

Within the Helensburgh and Lomond area, there are 13 local authority schools in total; 11 primary schools, Parklands School which offers provision for children with special needs from 5 to 19 years old, and Hermitage Academy, the associated secondary school in the area, which children from associated primary schools attend.

There is a variety of pre-school provision; Section 4 of this pack provides more detail.

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### Your Local School and Catchment Areas in Helensburgh and Lomond

Argyll & Bute Council, like other Councils in Scotland, has divided towns and country areas into catchment areas. Children living in a catchment area usually go to the local school within their catchment area.

#### Denominational Schools

In Helensburgh and Lomond, the denominational school is St Joseph's Primary School located in Helensburgh. Parents can choose to request their child further their denominational schooling at Our Lady and St Patrick's High School in neighbouring council West Dunbartonshire.

#### Secondary School

The secondary school for Helensburgh and Lomond is Hermitage Academy in Helensburgh.

#### Locating your child's catchment area school

If you know the postcode of where you will be living, you can send an enquiry through the following link to establish which is your child's catchment school  
[www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/forms/contact-us](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/forms/contact-us)

#### Service Family Accommodation in Helensburgh and Lomond

If you know you will be living in service family accommodation in Helensburgh, the catchment schools are as follows:

Service Family Accommodation	Non-denominational primary school	Roman Catholic primary school	Non-denominational secondary school	Roman Catholic secondary school
Churchill Estate, Helensburgh	John Logie Baird Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School	Hermitage Academy	Our Lady & St Patrick's High School
Colgrain Estate, Helensburgh	Colgrain Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School	Hermitage Academy	Our Lady & St Patrick's High School
Bannachra Estate, Helensburgh	Hermitage Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School	Hermitage Academy	Our Lady & St Patrick's High School
McKenzie Estate, Rhu	Rhu Primary School	St Joseph's Primary School	Hermitage Academy	Our Lady & St Patrick's High School

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### If you are awaiting allocation of housing

If you don't have a postcode, as you are awaiting allocation of housing, you are still able to register your child for school. You will be required to complete a placing request. The form (PC1(a)) can be downloaded at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk), click on the link to 'Schools, Education and learning', then click on 'Register your child for school' then scroll down and click on 'form (PC1(a))'. The postal address can be found on the form.

### School transport

Primary pupils living further than 2 miles from their catchment school, and Secondary pupils living further than 3 miles from their catchment school will be entitled to free transport. More details can be found at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport)

### Choosing a school other than your catchment school

In Scotland you have the right to decide the catchment school is not the school you wish to send your child to; this is known as a placing request. The council has a duty to grant such a request wherever possible. **However, the size of the school, the current roll and number of children who already live in the catchment area and other factors will affect the council's ability to grant a placing request.**

Note, if a placing request is granted, your child will not be entitled to a free transport. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to transport their child to school and back.

For more information regarding this, please visit Argyll & Bute Council's website, click on the link 'Schools, Education and Learning', then click on the 'Register your child for school' link.

### How to enrol your child in a school

When deciding on the school you prefer, here are some important things to keep in mind.

- Arrange to visit the school and speak to the Head Teacher. Schools make special arrangements to welcome visitors and it is advisable to find out what these arrangements are. A telephone call to make an appointment always helps. All our schools in Helensburgh and Lomond have a website; details of this are located later in this section.
- If you decide you want to know about other schools before you make up your mind, try to arrange a visit by telephone or by letter, to the schools you are considering. You will find all details of local schools later in this section.
- You may also wish to take into account when choosing a school the environmental impact of how your child would travel there each day if not eligible for free school transport. This may include exploring what options there are for travelling to the school such as walking or cycling. A helpful publication produced by Parentzone is the document 'Choosing a school – a guide for parents' can be found at [www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/myschool/choosingaschool](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/myschool/choosingaschool)

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#### **Deferred Entry to School or Early Entry to School**

Children whose fifth birthday falls in January or February have the right to start school at 4½. They also have the right to defer entry and to have a free Early Learning and Childcare place for an extra year. Please visit [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/registering-your-child-nursery](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/registering-your-child-nursery) for more information.

For further information regarding early entry, please visit

[www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-placement-early-entry](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-placement-early-entry)

Parents/carers may have concerns about the stage of schooling your child enters into when moving to our area. If you do have concerns, our Head Teachers will be happy to discuss these with you. Contact your school's Head Teacher to arrange a discussion regarding this. Contact details are located in Section 3 of this booklet.

#### **Child Protection**

The Argyll and Bute Child Protection Committee brings together all the organisations involved in protecting children in the area. Should you wish further information on Child Protection or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare and safety, visit the council's website for further information at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/abcpc](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/abcpc)

#### **Argyll & Bute Council's Anti-Bullying Policy**

Argyll and Bute Council is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people in its educational establishments and promoting a culture where bullying is recognised as being unacceptable.

Bullying behaviour is not, and should never be, an inevitable part of school life or a necessary part of growing up.

All schools in Argyll & Bute Council are committed to the following:

- promote respectful relationships between staff, between staff and parents, staff and children and amongst children;
- stop any bullying as quickly as possible;
- raise awareness and prevent bullying behaviour;
- provide appropriate support and intervention to all those involved to limit the impact of bullying behaviour.

More details of this policy can be found at

[www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/school-policies-and-plans](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/school-policies-and-plans)



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### Argyll & Bute Education Services Schools in Helensburgh and Lomond

#### Arrochar Primary School



Arrochar Primary School  
Tarbet  
Arrochar  
Argyll and Bute  
G83 7DG  
Tel: 01301 702261

Website: [www.arrochar.argyll-bute.sch.uk](http://www.arrochar.argyll-bute.sch.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@arrochar.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@arrochar.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

Arrochar Primary School is a non-denominational, co-educational, school covering stages P1 - P7. The school is located in the village of Tarbet. The school serves the communities of Arrochar, Tarbet and the surrounding area.

#### Cardross Primary School



Cardross Primary School  
Kirkton Road  
Cardross  
G82 5PN  
Tel: 01389 841433

Website: [www.cardrossprimary.org/](http://www.cardrossprimary.org/)  
Email: [enquiries@cardross.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@cardross.argyll-bute.sch.uk)  
Follow us on Twitter @CardrossPrimary

Cardross Primary School is a non-denominational, co-educational school covering stages P1 - P7. The school is located in the village of Cardross which is situated between Helensburgh and Dumbarton.

#### Colgrain Primary School



Colgrain Primary School and Nursery  
Redgauntlet Road  
Helensburgh  
G84 7TZ  
Tel: 01436 673557

Website: [www.colgrain.argyll-bute.sch.uk](http://www.colgrain.argyll-bute.sch.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@colgrain.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@colgrain.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

Colgrain Primary School is a non-denominational, co-educational school covering stages P1 – P7. The school is located in the town of Helensburgh.

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### Garelochhead Primary School



Garelochhead Primary School  
Feorlin Way  
Garelochhead  
G84 0DG  
Tel: 01436 810322

Website: [www.garelochhead.argyll-bute.sch.uk/](http://www.garelochhead.argyll-bute.sch.uk/)  
Email: [enquiries@garelochhead.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@garelochhead.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

Garelochhead Primary School is a non-denominational, co-educational school covering stages P1 – P7. The school is located within Bendarroch Park in the village of Garelochhead. The catchment area stretches from Shandon to Rahane on the Gareloch and as far as Strone Mallon on Loch Long. The village of Portincapple also lies within the catchment.

### Hermitage Primary School



Hermitage Primary  
Argyll Street East  
Helensburgh  
G84 7EW  
Tel: 01436 672949

Website: [www.hermitageprimaryschool.org](http://www.hermitageprimaryschool.org)  
Email: [enquiries@hermitage-pri.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@hermitage-pri.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

Hermitage Primary School is a non-denominational, co-educational school covering stages P1 – P7. The school is located in the town of Helensburgh.

### John Logie Baird Primary School



John Logie Baird Primary  
1 Winston Road  
Helensburgh  
G84 9EP  
Tel: 01436 674001

Website: [www.johnlogiebaird.argyll-bute.sch.uk](http://www.johnlogiebaird.argyll-bute.sch.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@johnlogiebaird.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@johnlogiebaird.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

John Logie Baird Primary School is a non-denominational, co-educational school covering stages P1 – P7. The school is located in the town of Helensburgh.

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### Kilcreggan Primary School



Kilcreggan Primary School  
Kilcreggan  
Argyll  
G84 0HT  
Tel: 01436 842109

Website: [www.kilcreggan.argyll-bute.sch.uk](http://www.kilcreggan.argyll-bute.sch.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@kilcreggan.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@kilcreggan.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

Kilcreggan Primary is a non-denominational, co-educational school covering stages P1 – P7. The school is situated on the Rosneath peninsula.

### Luss Primary School

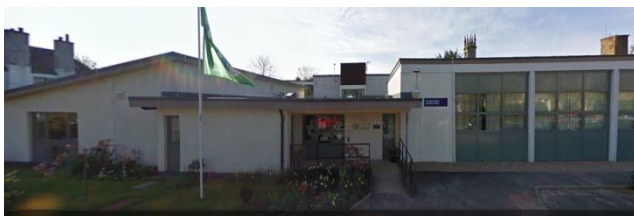


Luss Primary School  
Luss  
by Alexandria  
G83 8NY  
Tel: 01436 860244

Website: [www.luss.argyll-bute.sch.uk](http://www.luss.argyll-bute.sch.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@luss.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@luss.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

Luss Primary is a non-denominational, co-educational school covering stages P1 – P7. The school is situated in the village of Luss.

### Rhu Primary School



Rhu Primary School  
Rhu  
Argyll  
G84 8RS  
Tel: 01436 820316

Website: [www.rhu.argyll-bute.sch.uk](http://www.rhu.argyll-bute.sch.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@rhu.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@rhu.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

Rhu Primary is a non-denominational, co-educational school covering stages P1 – P7. The school is situated in the village of Rhu.

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### Rosneath Primary School



Rosneath Primary School  
Clachan Road  
Helensburgh  
G84 0RJ  
Tel: 01436 831354

Website: [rosneathprimaryschool.co.uk](http://rosneathprimaryschool.co.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@rosneath.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@rosneath.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

### St Joseph's Primary School



St Joseph's Primary School  
Old Luss Road  
Helensburgh  
G84 7LR  
Tel: 01436 671748

Website: [www.st-josephs.argyll-bute.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs.argyll-bute.sch.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@st-josephs.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-josephs.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

St Joseph's Primary is a Roman Catholic, co-educational school, situated in the town of Helensburgh serving the Helensburgh and Lomond area of Argyll and Bute. St. Joseph's Primary covers the stages P1 - P7.

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### Parklands School



Parklands School  
27 Charlotte Street  
Helensburgh  
G84 7EZ  
Tel: 01436 673714

Website: [www.parklands.primaryblogger.co.uk](http://www.parklands.primaryblogger.co.uk)  
Email: [parklands.enquiries@ea.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:parklands.enquiries@ea.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

Parklands School in Helensburgh is a purpose-built school for pupils with Complex Additional Support Needs. The school meets the needs of pupils from 5 to 19 years with a wide range of Additional Support Needs, including; moderate, severe and complex learning difficulties, autistic spectrum disorders, complex and multiple disabilities and social, emotional and behavioural needs.

### Hermitage Academy



Hermitage Academy  
Cardross Road  
Helensburgh  
G84 7LA  
Tel: 01436 672145

Website: [www.hermitageacademy.argyll-bute.sch.uk](http://www.hermitageacademy.argyll-bute.sch.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@hermitageacademy.argyll-bute.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@hermitageacademy.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

Hermitage Academy is the largest secondary school in Argyll and Bute and is located in the town of Helensburgh. The catchment area includes the town of Helensburgh and the villages of Cardross, Rhu, Shandon, Garelochhead, Clynder, Rosneath, Kilcreggan, Arrochar, Tarbet and Luss. It also includes other rural areas and it stretches from the Firth of Clyde, to Loch Lomond and as far as the Rest and Be Thankful. Hermitage Academy is a non-denominational, comprehensive school provides secondary education for pupils from S1 to S6.

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### Partner Secondary School

#### Our Lady & St Patrick's High School



Our Lady and St Patrick's High School  
50 Hawthornhill Road  
Dumbarton  
G82 5JN

Tel: 01389 762101

Website: [www.olsp.org.uk](http://www.olsp.org.uk)

Email: [schooloffice.olsp@west-dunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:schooloffice.olsp@west-dunbarton.gov.uk)

Our Lady & St Patrick's High School is a Roman Catholic secondary school which is located in Dumbarton and serves the catchment area of Helensburgh and Lomond, as well as Balloch and Dumbarton. Our Lady & St Patrick's High School provides secondary education for pupils from S1 to S6. St Joseph's Primary in Helensburgh is a partner primary school.

### Independent Schools

#### Lomond School



Lomond School  
10 Stafford Street  
Helensburgh  
G84 8JX

Tel: 01436 672476

Website: [www.lomondschool.com](http://www.lomondschool.com)

Email: [admin@lomondschool.com](mailto:admin@lomondschool.com)

The Independent Lomond School is situated in Helensburgh and is a co-educational school. It provides day places for children aged 3 to 18 years and weekly and termly boarding options from the age of 10. Lomond School is the West of Scotland's only day and boarding school.

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### EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE

#### Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Provision in Argyll & Bute

The first years of your child's education – from birth to the start of primary school - are often called the 'early years'.

Free Early Learning and Child Care is available for all three and four year olds in Scotland.

The number of hours of free Early Learning and Child Care (formerly Preschool education) for children ages three and four has increased to 16 hours per week.

Some two year olds will also receive this full entitlement if they are looked after under a kinship care order or with a parent-appointed guardian and/or if you are receiving certain qualifying benefits.

Find information on the Scottish Government website about qualifying benefits at <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/early-years/parenting-early-learning/childcare> or contact the Argyll & Bute Early Years Helpline on 01369 708503 or by email at [earlyyears@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

Parents of eligible children usually register at their preferred nursery in the February prior to their third birthday. Information leaflets will be available from Early Learning and Childcare Providers at the time of registration. Parents can obtain further guidance, from the Argyll & Bute Early Years Team.

#### Early Learning and Childcare and Out of School Providers in Helensburgh and Lomond

The following is a list of providers in the Helensburgh and Lomond area registered with the Care Inspectorate:

Name of Provider	Type of Provision	Address	Contact
Stepping Stones Private Nursery	Private Nursery (offering ELCC*)	110 West King Street, Helensburgh, G84 8DQ	Tel: 01436 673380 Email: <a href="mailto:steppingstonesg84@gmail.com">steppingstonesg84@gmail.com</a>
Garelochhead Playgroup	Voluntary Nursery (offering ELCC*)	Garelochhead Primary School, Feorlin Way, Helensburgh, G84 0DG	Tel: 01436 811162 Email: <a href="mailto:GarelochheadPG.enquiries@ea.argyll-bute.sch.uk">GarelochheadPG.enquiries@ea.argyll-bute.sch.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.garelochheadplaygroup.webs.com/">http://www.garelochheadplaygroup.webs.com/</a>

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Name of Provider	Type of Provision	Address	Contact
Mulberry Bush Nursery	Private Nursery offering wraparound care and out-of school care. (offering ELCC*)	17 Charlotte Street, Helensburgh, G84 7EY	Tel: 01436 679822 Email: <a href="mailto:mulbushoffice@btconnect.com">mulbushoffice@btconnect.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.mulberrybush-argyll.co.uk/">http://www.mulberrybush-argyll.co.uk/</a>
Clyde Nursery (open to MOD Military & Civilian staff only)	Private Nursery (offering ELCC*)	Station Road, Shandon, by Helensburgh, G84 8HX	Tel: 01436 821698 Email: <a href="mailto:clydenurseryclyde@aol.co.uk">clydenurseryclyde@aol.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.carouselnurseries.co.uk/">http://www.carouselnurseries.co.uk/</a>
Colgrain Primary Pre Five Unit	Local Authority (offering ELCC*)	Redgauntlet Road, Helensburgh, G84 7TZ	Tel: 01436 673557 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@colgrain.argyll-bute.sch.uk">enquiries@colgrain.argyll-bute.sch.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.colgrain.argyll-bute.sch.uk/">http://www.colgrain.argyll-bute.sch.uk/</a>
John Logie Baird Primary Pre Five Unit	Local Authority (offering ELCC*)	1 Winston Road, Helensburgh, G84 9EP	Tel: 01436 674001 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@johnlogiebaird.argyll-bute.sch.uk">enquiries@johnlogiebaird.argyll-bute.sch.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.johnlogiebaird.argyll-bute.sch.uk/">www.johnlogiebaird.argyll-bute.sch.uk/</a>
Kilcreggan Primary Pre Five Unit	Local Authority (offering ELCC*)	School Road, Kilcreggan, G84 0HT	Tel: 01436 842109 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@kilcreggan.argyll-bute.sch.uk">mailto:enquiries@kilcreggan.argyll-bute.sch.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.kilcreggan.argyll-bute.sch.uk/">www.kilcreggan.argyll-bute.sch.uk/</a>
Lomond School Nursery	Independent Nursery School (offering ELCC*)	10 Stafford Street, Helensburgh, G84 9JX	Tel: 01436 672476 Email: <a href="mailto:admin@lomond-school.org">admin@lomond-school.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.lomondschooll.com/">www.lomondschooll.com/</a>
Kidlywinks Nursery	Private Nursery (offering ELCC*)	Shore Road, Clynder, by Rosneath, G84 0QD	Tel: 01436 831242



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Name of Provider	Type of Provision	Address	Contact
Kanga Rhu Preschool	Private Nursery (offering ELCC*)	1 Alexander Place, Smugglers Way, Rhu, G84 8JF	Tel: 01436 821554 Email: <a href="mailto:annelouise2010@live.co.uk">annelouise2010@live.co.uk</a>
The Cottage Kindergarten	Private Nursery (offering ELCC*)	31 East Montrose Street, Helensburgh, G84 7HR	Tel: 01436 671275 Email: <a href="mailto:helenbaynham@hotmail.co.uk">helenbaynham@hotmail.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.thecottagekindergarten.co.uk/">www.thecottagekindergarten.co.uk/</a>
St. Joseph's Primary Family Learning Centre	Local Authority (offering ELCC*)	Old Luss Road, Helensburgh, G84 7LR	Tel: 01436 671748 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@st-josephs.argyll-bute.sch.uk">enquiries@st-josephs.argyll-bute.sch.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.st-josephs.argyll-bute.sch.uk/">www.st-josephs.argyll-bute.sch.uk/</a>
Arrochar Primary Pre Five Unit	Local Authority (offering ELCC*)	Tarbet, by Arrochar, Argyll, G83 7DG	Tel: 01301 702261 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@arrochar.argyll-bute.sch.uk">enquiries@arrochar.argyll-bute.sch.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.arrochar.argyll-bute.sch.uk/">www.arrochar.argyll-bute.sch.uk/</a>
Cardross Parish Church Playgroup	Voluntary Nursery (offering ELCC*)	Church Halls, Station Road, Cardross, G82 5NL	Tel: 01389 849089 Email: <a href="mailto:carol.paterson@virgin.net">carol.paterson@virgin.net</a>
Nursery Rhymes Childcare Ltd.	Private Nursery offering wraparound care. (offering ELCC*)	2 Reay Avenue, Cardross, G82 5NT	Tel: 01389 849227 Email: <a href="mailto:nurseryrhymes1@yahoo.co.uk">nurseryrhymes1@yahoo.co.uk</a>
B.A.S.I.C. and Corner House Creche	Voluntary Out of School Care and Creche	13 East King Street, Helensburgh, G84 7QQ	Tel: 01436 679666 Email: <a href="mailto:manager.basic@yahoo.co.uk">manager.basic@yahoo.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.basicchildcare.co.uk/">www.basicchildcare.co.uk/</a>

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### EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE

Name of Provider	Type of Provision	Address	Contact
Geilston Hall After School Club	Private out of School Care Provision	Geilston Hall, Main Road, Cardross, G82 5PA	Tel: 01389 849227

\*ELCC (Early Learning and Child Care).

Details of Care Inspectorate Reports can be found [www.careinspectorate.com](http://www.careinspectorate.com)

Dinky Dolphins is a Voluntary Run Creche who do not provide ELCC. They are not registered with the Care Inspectorate as sessions are under two hours and parents remain on the premises. Contact details are as follows:

Name of Provider	Type of Provision	Address	Contact
Dinky Dolphins Creche (Open to Military families only)	Voluntary Run Creche	Families Centre, Churchill Square, Helensburgh, G84 9HL	Tel: 07920 022510 Email: <a href="mailto:DinkyDolphins123@aol.com">DinkyDolphins123@aol.com</a>

## SECTION 5

# THE CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS

### Introduction

Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) is the curriculum in Scotland which applies to all children and young people aged 3-18, wherever they are learning. It aims to raise achievement for all, enabling children and young people to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to succeed in learning, life and work.

The Four Capacities - the curriculum aims for all children to become:

- Successful Learners
- Confident Individuals
- Responsible Citizens
- Effective Contributors

The Eight Curriculum areas are:

- **Expressive Arts** – including art and design, dance, drama and music;
- **Health and Wellbeing – mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing;** PE; food and health; substance misuse; and relationships, sexual health and parenthood;
- **Languages** – listening and talking, reading and writing in English and modern languages, plus classical languages and literacy, and Gaidhlig/Gaelic learners (where available);
- **Mathematics** – including analysing information, solving problems and assessing risk;
- **Religious and Moral Education** (denominational and non-denominational) – learning about Christianity, other world religions, and developing values and beliefs;
- **Sciences** – understanding important scientific concepts across planet Earth, forces, electricity and waves, biological systems, materials and topical science;
- **Social Studies** – understanding people, place and society in the past and present including history, geography, modern studies and business education, and;
- **Technologies** – including computing science, food, textiles, craft, design, engineering, graphics and applied technologies.

### Entitlements

All young people in Scotland are entitled to:

- A coherent curriculum – smooth progression through the curriculum outcomes.
- A broad general education.
- Support – assistance to help learners access the curriculum.
- Skills for learning, life and work – to develop skills for employment with the opportunity to put learning into a practical context.

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- A senior phase – to prepare for qualifications and develop skills for the future.
- Positive destinations – to support young people to move successfully onto work or further education.

### 16+ Learning Choices

16+ Learning Choices is a guaranteed offer of a place in post-16 learning for every young person who wants it. This is the Scottish Government's model for helping young people to stay in learning after the age of 16. 16+ Learning Choices looks to help reduce youth unemployment in Scotland and to contribute towards economic growth. 16+ Learning Choices seeks to equip all young people in Scotland with the skills and knowledge they need post-school to achieve their full potential and find a positive destination in further education, training or employment. 16+ Learning Choices is seen as an integral part of Curriculum for Excellence.

16+ Learning Choices ensures that there is partnership working with Skills Development Scotland, Local Authorities, Schools, Jobcentre Plus, Colleges and other providers of learning and support to ensure all young people in Scotland are supported into positive and sustained destinations.

### **Assessment**

Scotland has introduced a new assessment framework and new qualifications that best support and reflect children's learning. This will raise standards of achievement, improve learning experiences and develop skills for learning, life and work.

### What does assessment cover?

- The ways teachers support and assess children's learning and monitor progress.
- Reporting to parents – in writing and discussions to help them understand their child's progress and what parents can do to help their child's learning.
- Formal recognition of learners' achievements through profiles and qualifications.

### What and how will teachers assess?

Teachers carry out ongoing assessment to see what children know, understand and are able to do. Teachers assess in a number of ways, such as watching pupils carry out tasks like practical investigations and providing written responses to a report or project.

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### When will teachers assess a child's learning?

Assessment will take place throughout the school year. Parents are key partners in learning, and assessment gives them a chance to be involved in understanding, reviewing and planning next steps. Parents can discuss any concerns or questions about their child's learning with the school.

### How will assessment be reported?

Parents will receive information on their child's progress. This information may be in the form of an annual written report or more regular written or oral reports. Regardless of the format the report will provide clear, positive and constructive feedback about children's learning and their progress against national standards and expectations.

### What are profiles?

All children and young people will have their achievements and progress formally recorded. At Primary 7 and S3, a 'profile' is created. The profile confirms how they are doing, records their achievements and progress against national standards and expectations, noting any awards. It records achievement in literacy and numeracy. It also contains a learner statement – their thoughts on their own achievements.

## **Qualifications**

Qualifications in Scotland have changed. New qualifications will continue developing learners' knowledge and understanding, and will have more of a focus on developing skills.

The new qualifications recognise that different learners perform at their best in different ways, and are designed to reward learners for their skills in performance based activities as well as in academic tasks.

### Curriculum Levels and Qualifications

The table below outlines a rough guide of the different curriculum levels and qualifications that may be offered in the 3-18 Curriculum in Scotland:

<b>Starting Age</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Curriculum Level</b>
3	Nursery	Early Level
3-4	Nursery	Early Level
4-5	Primary 1	Early Level
5-6	Primary 2	First Level
6-7	Primary 3	First Level
7-8	Primary 4	First Level
8-9	Primary 5	Second Level
9-10	Primary 6	Second Level
10-11	Primary 7	Second Level
11-12	Secondary 1	Third Level

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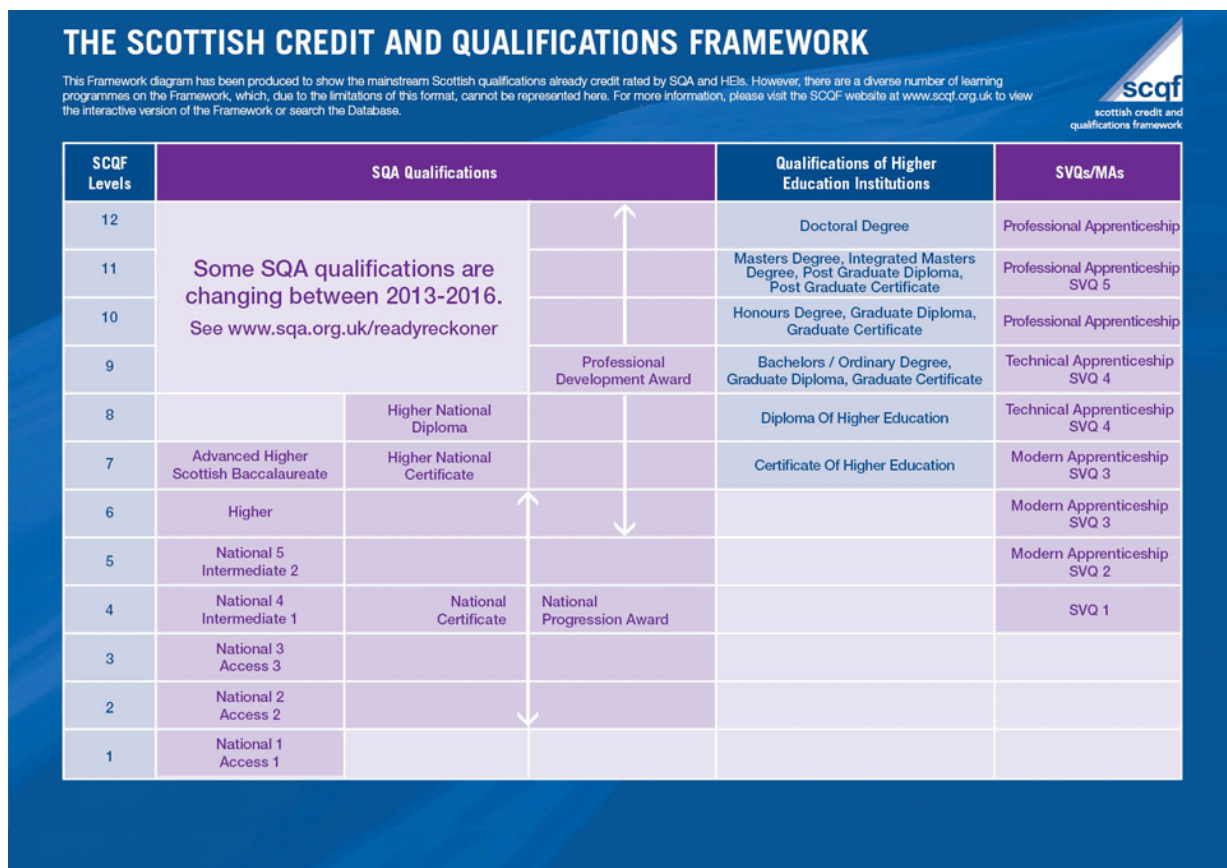
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Starting Age	Year Group	Curriculum Level/Qualifications
12-13	Secondary 2	Third/Fourth Level
13-14	Secondary 3	Third/Fourth Level
14-15	Secondary 4	National 4/National 5 Qualifications
15-16	Secondary 5	National 4/National 5/Higher Qualifications
16-17	Secondary 6	Choices of: Advanced Higher, Higher, National 4, National 5

Information about the current qualifications offered at Hermitage Academy can be found at [www.hermitageacademy.argyll-bute.sch.uk](http://www.hermitageacademy.argyll-bute.sch.uk)

Information about the current qualifications offered at Our Lady & St. Patrick's High School can be found at <http://www.olsp.org.uk/>

The Scottish Qualifications can be further illustrated in the diagram below:



Please visit [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk) to view an interactive version of the above diagram.

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Where can I get information or ask a question?

Speak to your local school or visit their website or visit:

[www.youngscot.org](http://www.youngscot.org) (learners)

[www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk](http://www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk) (parents and carers)

[www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk) (information on qualifications)

[www.hmie.gov.uk](http://www.hmie.gov.uk) (standards, inspections)

[www.ltscotland.org.uk](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk) (teaching practice and support)

[www.engageforeducation.org](http://www.engageforeducation.org) (share ideas and questions about education issues)

[www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/Schools/curriculum](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/Schools/curriculum) (Scottish Curriculum)

### UK Comparison of stages in Education for Children

Starting Age	Scotland	England and Wales	Northern Ireland
3	Nursery – Early Level (universally available but non-compulsory)	Nursery (universally available but non-compulsory)	Nursery (universally available but non-compulsory)
3-4	Nursery – Early Level (universally available but non-compulsory)	Primary – Key Stage 1 <b>Reception Class</b>	Primary – Key Stage 1 <b>Year 1</b>
4-5	Primary – Early Level <b>P1</b>	Primary – Key Stage 1 <b>Year 1</b>	Primary – Key Stage 1 <b>Year 2</b>
5-6	Primary – First Level <b>P2</b>	Primary – Key Stage 1 <b>Year 2</b>	Primary – Key Stage 1 <b>Year 3</b>
6-7	Primary – First Level <b>P3</b>	Primary – Key Stage 2 <b>Year 3</b>	Primary – Key Stage 2 <b>Year 4</b>
7-8	Primary – First Level <b>P4</b>	Primary – Key Stage 2 <b>Year 4</b>	Primary – Key Stage 2 <b>Year 5</b>
8-9	Primary – Second Level <b>P5</b>	Primary – Key Stage 2 <b>Year 5</b>	Primary – Key Stage 2 <b>Year 6</b>
9-10	Primary – Second Level <b>P6</b>	Primary – Key Stage 2 <b>Year 6</b>	Primary – Key Stage 2 <b>Year 7</b>
10-11	Primary – Second Level <b>P7</b>	Secondary – Key Stage 3 <b>Year 7</b>	Secondary – Key Stage 3 <b>Year 8</b>
11-12	Secondary – Third Level <b>S1</b>	Secondary – Key Stage 3 <b>Year 8</b>	Secondary – Key Stage 3 <b>Year 9</b>
12-13	Secondary – Third/Fourth Level <b>S2</b>	Secondary – Key Stage 3 <b>Year 9</b>	Secondary – Key Stage 3 <b>Year 10</b>

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<b>Starting Age</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>England and Wales</b>	<b>Northern Ireland</b>
13-14	Secondary – Third/Fourth Level <b>S3</b>	Secondary – Key Stage 4 <b>Year 10</b>	Secondary – Key Stage 4 <b>Year 11</b>
14-15	Secondary – Senior Phase <b>S4</b>	Secondary – Key Stage 4 <b>Year 11</b>	Secondary – Key Stage 4 <b>Year 12</b>
<b>End of Compulsory Schooling</b>			
15-16	Secondary – Senior Phase <b>S5</b>	Secondary – (Lower Sixth) <b>Year 12</b>	Secondary <b>Year 13</b>
16-17	Secondary – Senior Phase <b>S6</b>	Secondary – (Upper Sixth) <b>Year 13</b>	Secondary <b>Year 14</b>

It's important to note from this chart, that there are significant differences between Scotland and England/Northern Ireland.

For example, children in England and Northern Ireland attend Primary at an earlier age than children in Scotland. This may mean your child may return to Nursery Education if you move to Scotland when your child is aged 4-5

Furthermore, children in England and Northern Ireland attend Secondary School at the starting age of 10-11, whereas children in Scotland attend Primary 7 at the starting age of 10-11. This may mean your child is placed in Primary Education if you move to Scotland when your child has already started, or is due to start Secondary School in England. This in no way affects their academic progress, as is illustrated in the table above, and prior learning is taken into account.



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### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

All staff within the education service have a responsibility for addressing additional support needs. A child or young person with additional support needs is defined under the terms of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Acts 2004 and 2009.

Children or young people may require additional support for a variety of reasons, either for short periods of time or throughout their education. Children with additional support needs may include those who:

- have motor or sensory impairments;
- are being bullied;
- are particularly able or talented;
- have experienced a bereavement;
- have a learning difficulty;
- are living with parents who are abusing substances;
- are living with parents who have mental health problems;
- have English as a second language;
- are not attending school regularly;
- have emotional or social difficulties (these may be a result of parental deployment);
- moving home frequently;
- are on the child protection register, and
- are young carers.

It is not possible to list all the reasons because it will always depend on the individual child.

What is important is that many circumstances may affect children's ability to learn. Support may need to come from health, social work or certain voluntary organisations, as well as from education. Professionals with different areas of expertise should all work together to make sure any support your child gets is properly tailored to their individual needs. Your child's needs may last a short time, and the problem may be resolved easily. Or their needs might be very complex, and they may require additional support for a number of years.

It is most helpful to discuss any questions, issues or concerns about the provision for additional support needs with the Head Teacher in the first instance.

#### **Enquire**

Enquire is the Scottish Advice Service for additional support for learning. They have produced leaflet 'A Parent's Guide to Additional Support for Learning' which can be accessed electronically via their website. Visit [enquire.org.uk/publications/parents-guide](http://enquire.org.uk/publications/parents-guide) for details.

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### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

#### Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)

Getting it right for every child (known as GIRFEC) is the national approach in Scotland intended to make sure that all the people who support your child work together seamlessly to give you and your child the right help at the right time.

#### What does GIRFEC mean for me and my child?

Whenever your child needs help or support, GIRFEC aims to make sure that both you and your child:

- feel confident about the help being given;
- understand what is happening and why;
- are listened to carefully, with your wishes heard and understood;
- are appropriately involved in discussions and decisions that affect you ;
- can rely on appropriate help being available as soon as possible, and
- experience a fair and co-ordinated response from staff.

Important elements of GIRFEC are:

- By 2016 every child and young person aged 0-18 will have a **named person** - someone that you or your child can contact whenever you have any concerns or problems. In Argyll & Bute every young person now has a named person. From birth to starting school, this is the Health Visitor. In Primary Schools, this will be the Head Teacher or Depute Head. In Secondary Schools, this will be the Guidance/Pastoral Teacher.
- If at any time your child needs support from people in different professions and organisations (for example health and social work) as well as school staff, someone called a **lead professional** will be appointed to ensure that all the people supporting your child work well together.

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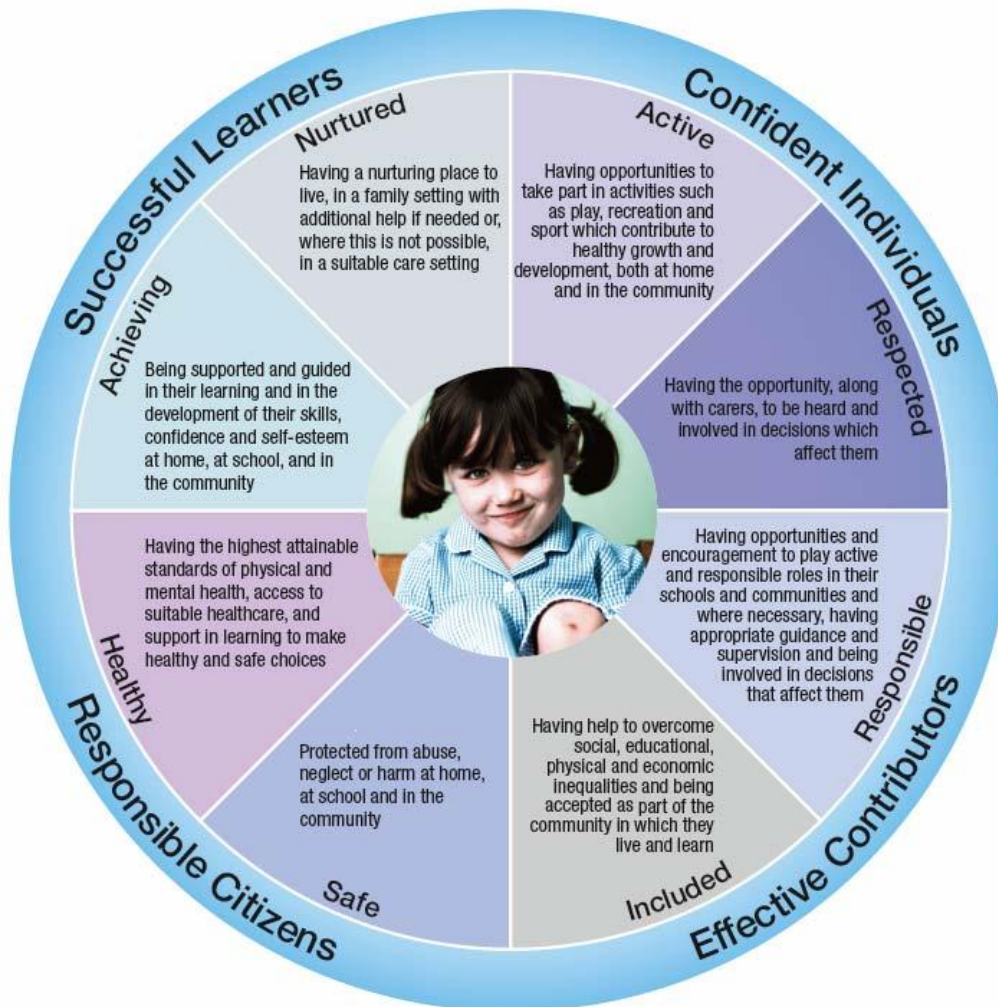
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#### GIRFEC is about wellbeing

GIRFEC focuses on eight areas of wellbeing that are important for your child to grow and develop to reach their full potential. This is often referred to as SHANARRI. The eight areas are

- Safe.
- Healthy.
- Achieving.
- Nurtured.
- Active.
- Respected.
- Responsible.
- Included.

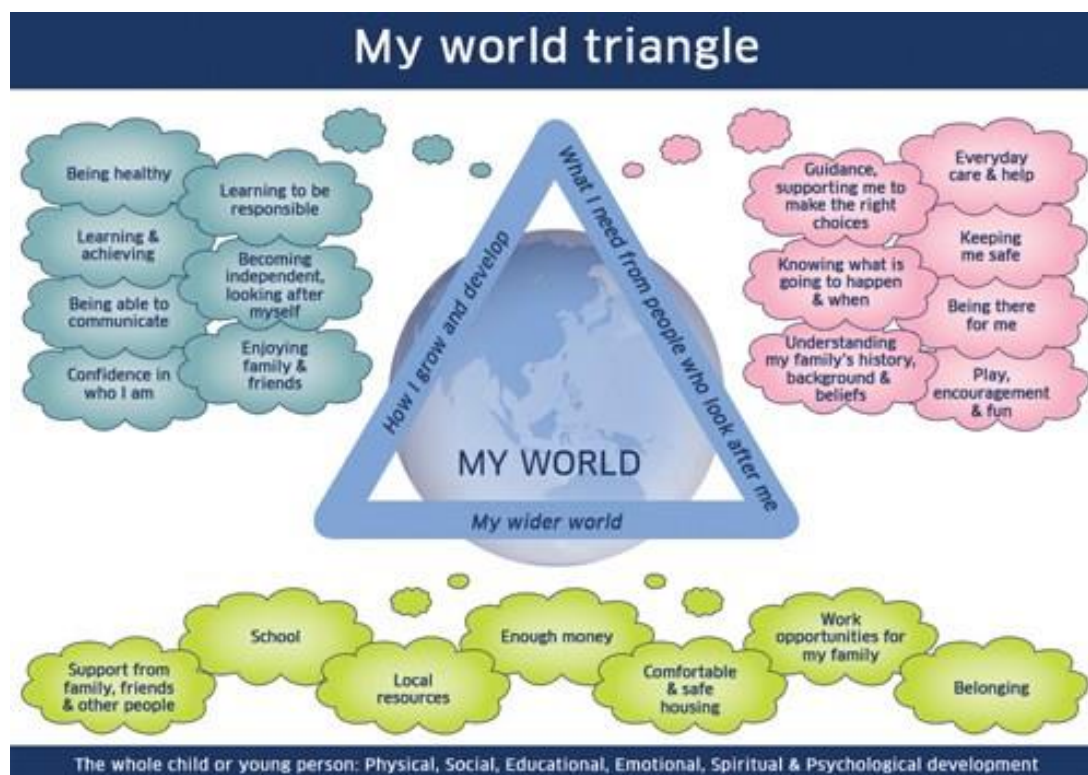
These areas are illustrated below:



Staff will use this wellbeing wheel to assess your child's wellbeing across all eight areas, and to identify what's good in a child's life and whether there are any areas where support is needed.

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Teaching staff will also use the 'My World Triangle' to understand a child or young person as a whole and to get a better picture of their needs.

#### The GIRFEC Planning Process

Any child who needs additional support will have a Universal Child's Plan. This is a document that uses specific tools to consider important information about a child or young person. The Universal Child's Plan records short and long term outcomes as well as actions need to be carried out to make these outcomes happen. This means help or support is co-ordinated and everyone is clear about who is doing what.

The Universal Child's Plan is the document used by every service involved in planning support for children and young people. The information that goes into a Universal Child's Plan is agreed at a Child's Plan meeting in which parents and children must be included.

#### Further information about GIRFEC

- [Wellbeing for young Scots](#) - a young person's guide to GIRFEC
- [Children, young people and families](#) section of the Scottish Government website
- [Scottish Government - Guide to Getting it right for every child.](#)

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#### Children and Young People Act

The [Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#) takes forward the Getting it right for every child approach to ensure that:

- all children and young people from birth to 18 years old have access to a Named Person;
- a single planning process is put in place to support those children who require it;
- a definition of wellbeing exists in legislation, and
- public bodies have a duty to co-ordinate the planning, design and delivery of services for children and young people, with a focus on improving wellbeing outcomes, and to report collectively on how they are improving those outcomes.

#### **Argyll & Bute's Educational Psychology Service**

The role of the Educational Psychology service is to promote the wellbeing and development of all children and young people using the knowledge and evidence base of child psychology. Educational Psychologists have specialist knowledge of child psychology, development and education. They use this knowledge to work alongside teachers and others to help children and young people succeed in education and beyond.

The type of service your family will receive from Argyll and Bute's Educational Psychology Service will differ from services received in other parts of Britain. Scotland does not have a 'statementing' procedure but operates the wholly inclusive policy of GIRFEC (see above).

Schools and nurseries have at least one named psychologist who is responsible for meeting the psychological needs of all their pupils. If you know which school your child is to attend, you can find the name of the responsible psychologist/s from the Head Teacher, Manager or on our Educational Psychology Website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/educational-psychology](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/educational-psychology)

Where your child is arriving in the area with ongoing psychological assessment or support issues, and you are seeking continuity of support throughout your child's transition, you should inform the Head Teacher. If this is not possible, you may contact Head Office for have an informal discussion with Isabella Laporte (Administrator) or Roslyn Redpath (Principal Psychologist) as follows:

Argyll House,  
Alexandra Parade,  
Dunoon,  
PA23 8AJ.  
Tel 01369 708537

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If new difficulties arise for your child once you have settled in the local area, the Head Teacher (Primary Schools and Nurseries) or Principal of Support for Learning (Secondary Schools) will normally begin the process of Staged Intervention.

In this process, at the first stage, the school works alongside education colleagues to rectify any difficulties within the school context. If difficulties persist, the school will move to the second stage and may recruit additional specialist support or outside agencies. If the difficulties do not respond to any of these interventions, the school may recommend moving to the third stage and discuss a referral to Educational Psychology with you.

'Information for Parents' and 'Information for Children and Young People' leaflets that explain the process of referral to Educational Psychology can be obtained by contacting Head Office at the above address/telephone number.

## SECTION 7

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### At what age do children in Scotland start school?

Your child will be placed automatically into a school in August if his or her fifth birthday falls between 1 March of that year and the last day of February of the following year.

#### How do I enrol my child in a school?

You should contact your local catchment school (details can be found in Section 3 of this leaflet.)

#### Is there any help with childcare costs in Scotland?

Parents of eligible children usually register at their preferred nursery in the February prior to their third birthday to access the entitlement of 16 hours free Early Learning and Childcare per week. (details can be found in Section 4 of this booklet.) Note that some two year olds will be eligible for this entitlement.

#### How will the teachers know where to start with my child?

We will ask the previous school for information about your child's previous learning and attainment and will review this carefully. We will also talk to your child and you about your thoughts and ideas and involve you in making decisions about next steps. We will also carry out assessments to gather information about your child's core skills in literacy and numeracy to ensure that we can develop these properly.

Teachers in Argyll & Bute are aware of the differences between curriculums in the UK, are capable of identifying any gaps in learning, and will welcome and support your child to settle into their new school.

#### What are the dates for school holidays?

These can be found on our website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) by clicking the link to 'Schools, Education and Learning.'

#### Where can I buy the school uniform?

Details regarding school uniform can be found on the school's website or by contacting the school directly (see Section 3 for details.)

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#### Is there any help with school meals and the cost of uniform in Scotland?

In Scotland all pupils in Primary 1-3 are entitled to a free school meal. Parents do not have to register for this; all pupils will receive this meal automatically.

Your child may qualify for free school meals beyond Primary 3 if you are in receipt of certain benefits, please contact the relevant school (during term time). You can apply for free school meals at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-meals](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-meals)

School Clothing Grants are available if you are in receipt of certain benefits. You can find out more by visiting [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-clothing-grant](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-clothing-grant)

Financial assistance in the form of an Education Maintenance Allowance is available if you are 16 to 19 years old and attend a school or college in Argyll & Bute, and come from a low household income. Find out more by visiting [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/education-maintenance-allowance](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/education-maintenance-allowance)

#### Will my child's school receive a Pupil Premium payment?

The Pupil Premium Scheme which operates in England does not apply in Scotland. However, since 2011 Argyll and Bute Council have been accessing the MOD Education Support Fund, to provide extra support and resources for our children from Armed Forces families in schools. For example, additional teaching staff have been employed in schools in Helensburgh and Lomond from this funding. Resources and training to support emotional wellbeing and numeracy such as 'Seasons for Growth' and 'Maths Recovery' have been funded using the MOD Education Support Fund. The funding also allows for continuous training opportunities for staff in Helensburgh and Lomond to share practice and support colleagues who work with children from Armed Forces families.

#### When a GIRFEC plan is being made, is the fact that a child is a service child taken into consideration?

Universal Children's Plans are created using GIRFEC (Getting it Right for Every Child) methodology and all factors that affect a young person are taken into consideration at the assessment stage. This may include being a young person in a service or veteran family – where this information is disclosed to us by the parent/carer. Further details regarding GIRFEC can be found in Section 6 of this booklet, or our website page can give you more information: [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/girfec](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/girfec)



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What would happen in Argyll & Bute if a service family came to the area with a half-completed EHC or Statement as known by in England?

All information shared by previous schools regarding a young person moving into Argyll and Bute is taken into consideration when assessing their needs. Young people are assessed within the environment of their new school and any appropriate additional assessment needed is requested by the school.

What is the procedure in place in Argyll & Bute if a service family were moving to the area and needed to place their child in a school, however they did not at that point have an address?

The procedure for any family moving into the area without having a current address in the area is that a placing request is made to the school of their choice. This will then be considered following the process outlined on our website. You can view this process at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/placing-your-child-school](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/placing-your-child-school)

## SECTION 8

### HELP US TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOLS

It is important to pass on as much information about your child as possible to their school. You should include:

- Relevant information about the family – number of children in family, long term deployments.
- A list of schools your child has attended.
- Examples of your child's work.
- Information about what your child is good at or enjoys doing.
- Information about your child's activities and interests.
- Achievements.
- Their last school report.
- Details of any difficulties your child has had at school, eg, settling in, additional support needs.
- Information about medical conditions and dietary needs.
- Any National Curriculum or other test results.

In Section 9 of this pack, there is a Moving Schools Pack created by CEAS which supports you in keeping a record of the above.

#### Identification to school of a parents service status in the Armed Forces

Parents/carers within the Armed Forces (Regular, Reserve and Veterans) are encouraged to ensure that the Head Teacher of their child's school is aware of their service status so that the school is able to work in partnership to provide informed support if and when it is needed.

#### Why is this important?

The health and wellbeing of all children is a key focus of education in Scotland. Pupils are encouraged to learn, perform and work towards achieving their own potential.

#### How to let the school know that your child is part of an Armed Forces family?

School registration forms will offer a section where you can indicate that your child is part of an Armed Forces family.

#### Schools need to know so that support can be provided in partnership with your family

Children and young people from Armed Forces families often experience numerous changes in their lives which means that they may need additional support – albeit for a short time – to help them cope with the effects of these changes.

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Support provided by the school might relate to:

- Mobility.
- Deployment.
- Periods of separation due to training, deployment, posting, assignment.
- Interrupted learning due to mobility.
- Moving from one school to another at times throughout the year.
- Increased levels of anxiety or worry.
- Adjusting to a new school community.
- Leaving friends and peer groups.
- Making new friends.
- Learning new educational systems, the language and setting.

**Transitions** can have a big impact on children's learning and wellbeing and it is important that parents are well informed to help them support their children as they move onto different stages of learning. Transitions can include moving to primary school from nursery, moving from primary to secondary school, moving to the senior phase of Curriculum for Excellence and then post-school learning, training or work. Transitions also include any changes in a pupil's learning journey, for example when a pupil changes school or when learning is interrupted.

Further information for supporting your child at school for Armed Forces families can be found at [adescotland.org.uk/service-children/](https://adescotland.org.uk/service-children/)

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There is a superb variety of clubs and organisations for our children and young people in Helensburgh and Lomond, which cater for all interests. Most schools also run after-school clubs for children. Details can be obtained from your local school. Clubs and organisations are split into different areas and listed below.

### Young Scot

Young people aged 11-26 years old qualify for the National Entitlement Card which offers a variety of benefits including travel discounts. Further details can be found and applications made at the Young Scot website [www.youngscot.org/the-young-scot-card/](http://www.youngscot.org/the-young-scot-card/)

If you are aged between 11 and 16, you can apply for a card by telephoning 01546 604142 which will put you through to Argyll & Bute's Young Scot Service.

### Skills Development Scotland

An organisation that delivers the Scottish Government's guarantee to offer a place in education or training for all 16-19 year olds. Helensburgh Job Centre. Telephone 01389 761421 to arrange an appointment.

### **Helensburgh Area**

#### Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum

Representing views and aspirations of young people. Contact Youth Services, Helensburgh on 01436 658740.

#### Youth Information Service

Information on various subjects. Hermitage Academy on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. Contact Youth Services, Helensburgh on 01436 658740.

#### Helensburgh Library

West King, Street, Helensburgh. Visit

[www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/library/helensburgh-library](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/library/helensburgh-library) for details and opening times.

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### Girl Guiding and Scout Association

To register interest to attend Rainbows, Brownies, Guides Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

### Helensburgh Golf Club

East Abercromby Street, Helensburgh. Visit [www.helensburghgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.helensburghgolfclub.co.uk) for details.

### Helensburgh Netball Club

Over 15's only. Visit [www.helensburghnetballclub.co.uk](http://www.helensburghnetballclub.co.uk) for details.

### G84 Junior Netball Club

For children age 5 to 16. Please email [g84juniornetball@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:g84juniornetball@hotmail.co.uk) for details.

### Helensburgh Tennis Club

Located in Suffolk Street in Helensburgh. Visit [www.tennishelensburgh.org.uk/](http://www.tennishelensburgh.org.uk/) for more information.

### Helensburgh Junior Rugby Club

Visit [www.pitchero.com/clubs/helensburghyouthrugby/](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/helensburghyouthrugby/) or telephone 01436 674056 for more details.

### Helensburgh Amateur Athletics Club

Junior section caters for age groups from 9 to 17. Visit [www.helensburghaac.co.uk](http://www.helensburghaac.co.uk) for more information.

### Helensburgh Junior Football Club

Based in Helensburgh. Various age groups. Visit [www.helensburghfc.co.uk](http://www.helensburghfc.co.uk) for more information.

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### Ardencaple Football Club

Based at Hermitage Academy, Helensburgh. Visit [www.ardencaplefc.co.uk](http://www.ardencaplefc.co.uk) for more information.

### Kishido Helensburgh

Based at Hermitage Academy, Helensburgh. Visit [www.karatedoshotokan-scotland.com/ClubDetails/helensburgh.htm](http://www.karatedoshotokan-scotland.com/ClubDetails/helensburgh.htm) for more details.

### Taekwon-Do and Kickboxing

Based at St Joseph's Halls, Helensburgh. Visit [stevenmclaren.co.uk/classes/](http://stevenmclaren.co.uk/classes/) for more details.

### Helensburgh and District Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Based in Helensburgh Guide Hall. Visit [www.rscds-helensburgh.org.uk](http://www.rscds-helensburgh.org.uk) for more details.

### Helensburgh Amateur Swimming Club.

Based at Helensburgh Swimming Pool. Visit [helensburghasc.co.uk/hascm/](http://helensburghasc.co.uk/hascm/) for more details.

### Helensburgh & Lomond Young Carers

Based at The Carers Centre in Helensburgh, this organisation aims to make a positive difference to the lives of young carers. Visit [helensburgh-carer-support.org/](http://helensburgh-carer-support.org/) for more details.

### Cornerstone

Based in Helensburgh, Cornerstone provides a service to children and young people with varying levels of support needs via short breaks, supporting young people into college, to musical therapy and film and art projects. Visit [www.cornerstone.org.uk](http://www.cornerstone.org.uk) for more details.

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#### Helensburgh and Lomond Autism/Aspergers Society

Based in Helensburgh, this group provides support meets for parents/carers, training/information seminars and activities for families. Visit [www.helensburghandlomondautism.co.uk](http://www.helensburghandlomondautism.co.uk) for more details.

#### 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Helensburgh Boys Brigade Company

Based in Helensburgh. The Boys Brigade aims to offer a wide range of activities, and the opportunity to learn new and develop existing skills. Contact Iain Talman on 01436 678445.

#### Royal Navy Royal Marines Welfare (RNRMW) Youth Forum

Based in Churchill, Helensburgh. Please contact the RNRMW Team on 01436 675496 more more details.

#### The Tower

Based in Helensburgh, this organisation shows cinema releases as well as hosting various clubs such as film and drama. Visit [www.thetoweronline.com/](http://www.thetoweronline.com/) for more details.

#### Children's Cinema Club

Based at The Tower in Helensburgh, offering family films every fortnight. For more information contact The Tower on 01436 674239 or visit their Facebook page.

#### Army Cadet Force

Open to 12-18 year olds. Based at the ACF Hut in Helensburgh. Visit [www.armycadets.com/county/argyll-and-sutherland-highlanders-battalion-acf/](http://www.armycadets.com/county/argyll-and-sutherland-highlanders-battalion-acf/) for more details.

### **Arrochar and Tarbet Area**

#### Arrochar Youth Club

Arrochar and Tarbet Youth Club is open to secondary school-age kid's on Friday evenings from 7-9pm. Visit [www.threevillages.org.uk](http://www.threevillages.org.uk) for more information.

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### **Garelochhead Area**

#### Route 81, Garelochhead

Route 81 operates from a dedicated facility called The Hub, sited in the Centre 81 building in Garelochhead. They are a community-based project - encouraging the local community to participate in both the running of the youth project and the decision-making. Visit [www.route81.org.uk/](http://www.route81.org.uk/) for more information.

#### Army Cadet Force

Open to 12-18 year olds. Based at the Garelochhead Training Camp in Garelochhead. Visit

[armycadets.com/county/argyll-and-sutherland-highlanders-battalion-acf/](http://armycadets.com/county/argyll-and-sutherland-highlanders-battalion-acf/) for more details.

#### Taekwon-Do

Class in Centre 81, Garelochhead. Visit [www.stevenmclaren.co.uk/classes/](http://www.stevenmclaren.co.uk/classes/) for more details.

### **Rosneath and Kilcreggan Area**

#### Rosneath Library

Rosneath Primary School. Visit [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/library/rosneath-library](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/library/rosneath-library) for details and opening times.

#### Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Café

Cove Burgh Hall, Cove. Visit [www.coveburghhall.co.uk](http://www.coveburghhall.co.uk) for details.

### **Rhu Area**

#### Helensburgh Sea Cadets

Open to 10 to 18 year olds. Based in Rhu. Visit [www.sea-cadets.org/helensburgh/home.aspx](http://www.sea-cadets.org/helensburgh/home.aspx) for more details.

#### Helensburgh Sailing Club

Family orientated sailing club offering training and club activities. Visit [www.helensburghsailingclub.co.uk/](http://www.helensburghsailingclub.co.uk/) for details.



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### **Luss Area**

#### Helensburgh Canoeing and Kayaking

The club offers Basic Skills training programmes and runs trips around various locations. Visit [www.helensburghcc.org.uk](http://www.helensburghcc.org.uk) for more details.

Note that the above list is not exhaustive, other clubs and organisations in the area may not be listed.

## SECTION 10

### CEAS MOVING SCHOOLS PACK

#### Overview of The Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS)

Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS) is a tri-service organisation funded by the MOD. It was established to provide information and support to Service families and eligible MOD civilians on all aspects of the education of their children in the UK and overseas.

When children move frequently from one school to another or between different educational systems obtaining appropriate provision can be complex.

CEAS provides information and advice as well as supporting parents at meetings with schools, local authorities, at tribunal etc.

#### Contact CEAS

The CEAS Helpline is manned from 8.30am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. At other times, or when the helpline is busy, messages can be left on the answer machine or sent via email. Please ensure that your name, the name and date of birth of the child (if appropriate) and your contact details are left slowly and clearly.

Children's Education Advisory Service  
Trenchard Lines  
Upavon, Pewsey  
Wiltshire  
SN9 6BE

Telephone: 01980 618 244 (Military 94 344 8244)  
Email: [enquiries@ceas.uk.com](mailto:enquiries@ceas.uk.com) Fax: 01980 618245 (military 94 344 8245)

In Scotland, **Donna McCartney** is the dedicated Parent Support Officer. Donna can be contacted by telephoning or emailing the above.

#### Moving Schools Pack

CEAS have developed a moving schools pack to support you and your child when moving schools.

These can be downloaded electronically by visiting  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/moving-school-packs>

Hard copies of the pack can be obtained from Davina Blair, Service Pupil Advisor. Please telephone 01436 657665 or email [Davina.blair@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Davina.blair@argyll-bute.gov.uk) to request this.

Alternatively, hard copies may also be available from The Families Centre, Churchill, Helensburgh. Please telephone 01436679526 to request this.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Argyll & Bute Council's schools, education and Learning website  
[www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning)

Argyll & Bute Council's Armed Forces page  
[www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/armed-forces](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/armed-forces)

A parent's guide to education in Scotland  
[www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone)

The Scottish Government's website for early years and childcare  
[www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/early-years/parenting-early-learning/childcare](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/early-years/parenting-early-learning/childcare)

Argyll & Bute Council's Early Years Helpline  
Email [earlyyears@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or 01369 708503

The Scottish Qualifications Agency (information on school qualifications)  
[www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)

Education Scotland's School Inspection Reports  
[www.educationscotland.gov.uk/inspectionandreview/index.asp](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/inspectionandreview/index.asp)

A parent's guide to Additional Support for Learning in Scotland  
[www.enquire.org.uk/publications/parents-guide](http://www.enquire.org.uk/publications/parents-guide)

A young person's guide to Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC)  
[www.wellbeingforyoungscots.org/](http://www.wellbeingforyoungscots.org/)

The Scottish Government's Guide to GIRFEC  
[www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright/publications/practice-guide](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright/publications/practice-guide)

Skills Development Scotland – 16-19 year old support for education or training.  
[www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/)

Royal Navy Royal Marines Welfare  
[www.royalnavy.mod.uk/welfare](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/welfare)

Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS)  
Helpline 01980 618244  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childrens-education-advisory-service>

The Royal Caledonian Education Trust  
[www.rcet.org.uk](http://www.rcet.org.uk)

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