

Parent Handbook



*Every Journey.
Every Learner.
Every Day.*



Welcome to

Scoill yn Jubilee

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I warmly welcome you to Scoill yn Jubilee. We are a vibrant, ambitious school where every journey matters and excellence is expected.

At Scoill yn Jubilee, we inspire inclusive learning that builds curiosity, resilience and a lifelong love of discovery. Our excellent team of dedicated professionals work closely together to help every child achieve personal success, both inside and beyond the classroom.

Relationships matter in our school. We strive to build positivity across our community at all times — between staff and pupils, between school and home, and across the wider Douglas community we are proud to be part of. Our six values — **courage, understanding, respect, honesty, responsibility and kindness** — guide everything we do.

We do not believe that one size fits all. By working in small groups and listening carefully to every child, we understand their individual needs, celebrate their unique strengths, and challenge them to take their next step with confidence.

I hope you find this handbook useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any other member of staff if you require any additional information.

With warm regards,



Mr Maxim Kelly

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER



Mrs Emily Hicks
HEAD OF SCHOOL



Mrs Lisa
Quilliam
HEAD OF SCHOOL

Our vision

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Our values



Courage

Brave enough to try, brave enough to be ourselves.



Understanding

Listening with care, seeing things from another's view.



Respect

For ourselves, for each other, for our school.



Honesty

Truthful in our words, our work and our actions.



Responsibility

For our learning, our choices and our community.



Kindness

Looking out for one another, every day.

Starting school is one of the most important experiences of a child's life — a step into a new world with new people to meet and different routines to learn. We make every effort to ensure your child feels happy and secure from their very first day.

- **A safe, nurturing learning environment** with calm, well-resourced spaces both indoors and out.
- **Multi-sensory learning** through play, exploration and child-initiated activity.
- **Outdoor learning every day** with free-flow access to a dedicated outdoor area.
- **Forest School** sessions in our beautiful outdoor cabin — connecting children to nature and learning through real-world challenges.
- **High quality teaching** rooted in the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, planned thoughtfully around each child's stage of development.
- **Strong partnership with parents** — your child's first and most important educators.



Seven Areas of Learning

In common with all schools in the Isle of Man, children in our Foundation Stage follow the **Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum** — skills and attributes taught through seven areas of learning:

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Communication & Language

Physical Development

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding of the World

Expressive Arts & Design

Key Stage 1



*A broad and balanced curriculum delivered through our project-based **Cornerstones** approach, with exciting and engaging learning happening in and beyond the classroom.*

- **Calm yet stimulating classrooms** with thematic, cross-curricular learning that helps children make connections.
- **Daily phonics** through our **Read Write Inc** programme, with whole-class and guided reading sessions to develop skills and promote a love of books.
- **Maths Mastery** — building confidence and competence in mathematics through clear, structured teaching.
- **Outdoor learning and the local environment** are core to how children explore and apply their skills.
- **End-of-project celebrations** where children share their learning with parents, families and the school community.

How the school is organised

The school is organised into **seven year group teams**, Reception to Year 6, forming three key stages: **Foundation Stage** (Reception), **Key Stage 1** (Years 1 & 2) and **Key Stage 2** (Years 3 to 6).

In our classrooms

Pupils in each year group are organised into **register groups**, each with a home base so children start and end the day in the same place. Children mostly work in mixed-ability register groups, with some grouping by attainment for reading.

Key Stage 2

Throughout Key Stage 2 we continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, deepening skills while sparking curiosity, creativity and high aspirations.

- **Deepening literacy** — grammar, sentence construction, writing for a wide range of audiences and purposes, and the appreciation of classic and modern literature.
- **Maths Mastery** continues, with a greater emphasis on formal methods, problem solving and reasoning.
- **Project-based thematic learning** via the Cornerstones Curriculum, with Manx culture, language and history woven throughout.
- **Swimming and outdoor pursuits** at the National Sports Centre, with residential adventure visits in Years 5 and 6.
- **Music and the arts** — children may have the opportunity to learn a variety of instruments from Year 4 onwards through the peripatetic Music Service, and one of our teachers runs music-based clubs for various year groups at different times of the year.
- **Preparation for the next step** — confident, capable learners ready for secondary school.



Manx Language

Children have the option to learn Manx from Year 4.

Developing skills for life — The 6Rs

Our curriculum nurtures lifelong learning characteristics. We discuss these habits with the children every day so they become aware of how they learn to learn.

R

Readiness to learn

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Relationships

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Resourcefulness

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Resilience

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Remembering

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Reflection

School times

Punctuality matters — children settle best when they arrive in good time. Children are welcomed into school from 8.50am onwards.

PART OF DAY	TIME
Start of school day	9:00am
Morning break — KS1	10:40am – 10:55am
Morning break — KS2 (Years 3–4)	10:25am – 10:40am
Morning break — KS2 (Years 5–6)	10:45am – 11:00am
Lunch — Reception	11:50am – 12:55pm
Lunch — Years 1 & 2	12:05pm – 1:10pm
Lunch — Years 3 & 4	11:45am – 12:45pm
Lunch — Years 5 & 6	12:15pm – 1:15pm
Home time — Infants (Stoney Road)	3:15pm
Home time — Juniors (Laureston Avenue)	3:30pm

Lunchtime

School dinners

We provide hot, healthy school dinners with two options daily, one of which is vegetarian. Menus are emailed to parents and displayed by the school office. Payment is made online via **ParentPay**.

Packed lunch

If your child brings a packed lunch, please **no nuts** (we have children with severe allergies), and no fizzy or energy drinks. We promote healthy eating and ask parents to support this at home.

School uniform

Our pupils wear uniform from Reception to Year 6. We are proud of our school identity, and the uniform plays a meaningful part in that — please label everything!

- ◆ Navy sweatshirt or cardigan
- ◆ Red polo shirt
- ◆ Navy trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts in summer
- ◆ Black or navy school shoes — no trainers, sandals, clogs or high heels
- ◆ White or navy socks; navy tights
- ◆ Summer alternative for girls: navy and white gingham dress with navy sweatshirt or cardigan
- ◆ Navy fleece or waterproof jacket (optional, for outdoor use)

PE kit (Years 1+)

Plain red or navy t-shirt and plain navy shorts for indoor PE.

For outdoor games, children should be equipped for the weather — tracksuit, jogging bottoms or sweatshirt are all fine. Junior children will also need **trainers** for outdoor sport.

Reception children do not need a PE kit.

Branded uniform is available from **Promenade T-Shirts** in Douglas; uniform can also be unbranded. The school office sometimes stocks pre-loved uniform — you are always welcome to ask on both sites to see if there is anything useful before you buy.



Safeguarding

At Scoill yn Jubilee we believe every child should grow up confident, healthy and happy in a caring, positive and safe environment. The welfare of our children is everyone's business, and we take our responsibilities extremely seriously.

A complete version of our Safeguarding Policy can be found on our school website.

OUR DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS



DSL — INFANTS SITE

Mrs Lisa Quilliam



DSL — JUNIORS SITE

Mrs Emily Hicks

Inclusion

Educational inclusion is about equal opportunities for every child – whatever their age, gender, background, ability or starting point. Every child is unique, and at Scoill yn Jubilee the teaching and learning, achievements, attitudes and wellbeing of every young person matters. We take particular pride in supporting children with additional needs.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Our SENCO

A senior teacher is designated as our **Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator**, working across both sites and liaising with children, parents and external agencies as required. Our SENCO attends the Isle of Man's SENCO network meetings and ongoing professional training, so you can be confident your child is in well qualified, experienced hands.

Celebrating our values

Every Friday, the whole school comes together for our Appreciation Assembly. This is when we celebrate the children who have shone that week — not just for what they have achieved, but for **how** they have lived out our school values.

Each week, certificates are awarded to children who have demonstrated one of our six core values — by being courageous, understanding, respectful, honest, responsible or kind. It is a warm, joyful moment that captures the very best of who we are.

Our values, in action

Courage

Understanding

Respect

Honesty

Responsibility

Kindness

As an inclusive school, every child's journey is different — we recognise effort, character and growth, so every child has their moment to be seen, valued and celebrated.



Keeping in touch

As parents and carers, you are your child's first and most important educators. Strong partnerships between home and school make a real difference — please get in touch whenever you need to.

Infants site

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Stoney Road, Douglas, IM2 5EE

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Juniors site

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Online & on social

Our website is the home of all current information, including newsletters, term dates, policies and what's happening in school: syj.sch.im

Follow us on Facebook for updates and a window into daily life at Jubilee.

Friends of Scoill yn Jubilee

Our active parents' group helps fundraise for the school and organises events throughout the year. New volunteers are always warmly welcomed — please get in touch via the school office if you'd like to be involved.



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