



Orphir Community School

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Dear Parents & Carers

A few peedie final bits from me to end the year...

2025-2026 Staffing

Our staffing complement for 2025-2026 is as follows:

Head Teacher

Principal Teacher (PT) and P4-7 Class Teacher

P1-3 Class Teacher (Monday to Wednesday)

P1-3 Class Teacher (Thursday & Friday)

Support for Learning Teacher & PT release

Support for Learning Assistant

Early Years Lead Practitioner

Early Years Practitioner

Early Years Practitioner

Janitor, Toothbrushing & Cleaning

Admin Assistant & Auxiliary

School Meals & Cleaning

Music

Art

PE

Instrumental

Grant Thomson

John Dearness

Dawn Williams

Lynn Rendall

Katherine Diaper

Brian Darby

Lorna MacIntosh

Kayla Muir

Jenna Tait

Claire Smith

Shona Garson

Christine Anderson

Jeana Leslie

Sheila Moodie

Holly Elson

TBC

HMIE Visit

A small team of inspectors from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education will visit Orphir Community School and Nursery on Tuesday 26th of August 2025 for a thematic inspection on Literacy & English across our curriculum from Nursery to P7. As part of the visit, the inspection team will speak with staff and pupils. They will also sample a range of our evidence pieces that we use to form our judgements and observe the teaching and learning of Literacy & English across the whole school. For a thematic inspection, the inspection team do not speak to the wider parent body as this model of inspection is used to gain a better understanding of how the Literacy & English curriculum is delivered across Scotland. Where no official reports are produced for the school, we will communicate with you the outcome of the visit in due course.

Kindness Creativity Teamwork Respect Flourishing

And finally...

On behalf of all the staff at the school I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and manage to make plenty of memories. All the very best to our P7s as they move to KGS after the summer and of course to Harry and Sahana who are moving south to ventures new. Switch off those alarm clocks, dust off the flip flops and we will see you all on Tuesday 19th August for the first day of term 1.

Kindest regards



Grant Thomson
Head Teacher