

Promoting Positive Relationships Policy at Loch Primary School



A Guide for Parents and Carers



At Loch Primary School we are committed to the development of a whole school nurturing approach. As well as our school policy, we ensure we follow and embed the South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) 'Promoting Positive Relationships and Understanding Distressed Behaviour Policy' at all times. Our staff ensure that the 'Six Principles of Nurture' and SLC 'Attachment Strategy Pledges' underpin all classroom practice and children feel emotionally supported throughout their learning journey in a place where they feel safe and ready to learn.

The six core nurture principles are:



- Children's learning is understood developmentally.
- The classroom offers a safe base.
- The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing.
- Language is a vital means of communication.
- All behaviour is communication.
- The importance of transitions in children's lives.

The 'Attachment Strategy 6 Pledges' are:



1. Act to make a difference.
2. See the whole person.
3. Hear their voice.
4. Recognise behaviour as communication.
5. Respond with compassion.
6. Believe in change.

We recognise the value in fostering positive relationships with our learners, their families, our partners and each other. Our school values are: **Nurturing**, **Happy**, **Achieving**, **Inclusive**, **Welcoming** and **Respectful**.

Using our school values, we strive to create a learning environment where our children and staff feel valued, respected and secure. We promote positive relationships within the school and foster a nurturing ethos which encourages all learners to respect themselves and others.

We aim to ensure our policy allows all children to enjoy a calm, nurturing and caring environment which supports them both emotionally and educationally to give them the best possible chance of success.

At Loch PS we recognise the need to ensure consistent strategies are embedded across the school. We are also aware that differentiation is required within our approach at times to ensure the needs of all children are met. We also recognise the importance of working in partnership with children and their parents/carers to promote positive relationships and behaviour at school and we will always aim to work together to ensure the wellbeing of all.

Loch Primary School's 3 Golden Rules



**Show
Kindness**

Nurturing
Welcoming
Inclusive

**Be
Respectful
and Safe**

Happy

**Try Your
Best**

Achieving
Respectful

TEAM LOCH - Together Everyone Achieves More; Learning Opportunities Create Happiness

To support us in ensuring we are providing a nurturing environment and to ensure the successful delivery of our 'Promoting Positive Relationships Policy', we promote '3 Golden Rules' at Loch Primary School.

If a child is not following the '3 Golden Rules', staff will issue quiet reminders before participating in restorative conversations. Parents/carers will be notified of significant events/recurring incidents as required.



HOUSE SYSTEM

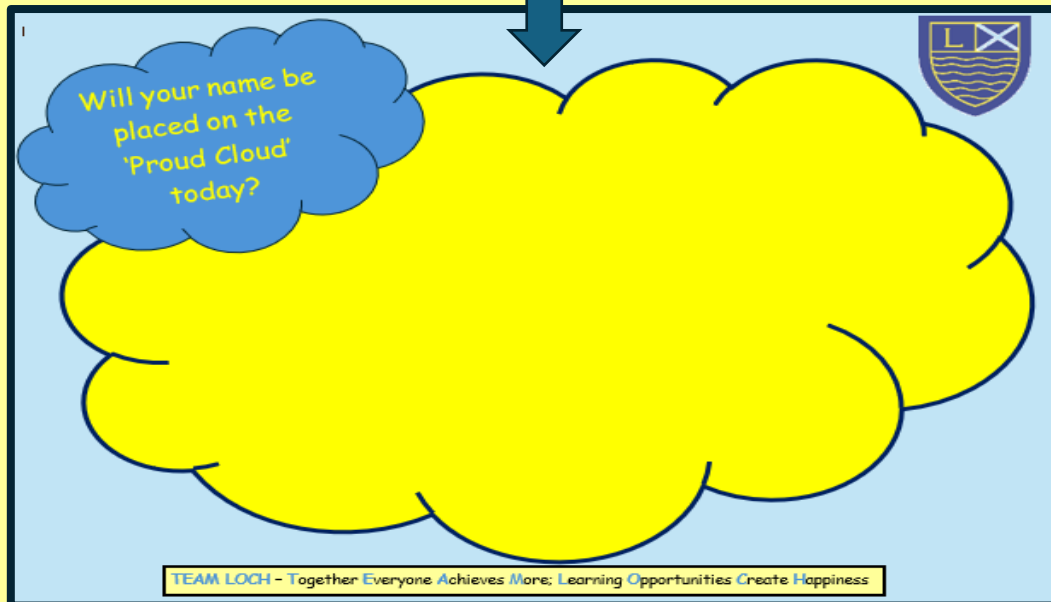


- All children and staff will be in one of 4 houses: **Lomond**, **Ness**, **Tay** or **Katrine**.
- House points will be earned by returning all of the week's homework; displaying good manners and going over and above with work, behaviour and/or effort; contributing during whole-school assemblies; showing exemplary behaviour in class lines when moving around the school; completing additional responsibilities, etc.
- Children will earn personal achievement certificates to be awarded in assembly when they reach:
 - ❖ 40 points - Bronze
 - ❖ 40 points - Silver
 - ❖ 40 points - Gold
 - ❖ 40 points - Platinum

To receive a 'Platinum' award, pupils will have earned at least 160 house points throughout the school year. Awards are based on attitude, effort and behaviour as well as the number of points achieved.

★ PROUD CLOUD ★

- All classes will display a 'Proud Cloud' on their wall at the front of the class.
- At the start of the day/week, the Class Teacher will share the class target that all children are working together to achieve. This will also be displayed for the children to refer to.
- The aim is for all children to have their photo/name added to the 'Proud Cloud' each day when they are recognised for achieving this target/showing this skill.
- All children are encouraged to work together as a team to support each other to have their names placed on the cloud.
- When a child's name is placed on the 'Proud Cloud', it cannot be removed.



REWARDS

- During the final assembly of each month, the house with the most points will be announced and they will receive an additional 10-minutes playtime during the next outdoor break time.
- An overall treat and trophy will be given to the house with the most points at the end of the year.
- Short free choice/fun planned activity sessions will be awarded to classes for positive work, attitude and behaviour.
- At the end of each school year, the child in each class that has earned the most house points will be presented with an 'Outstanding' award.
- Weekly 'Head Teacher', 'Citizenship' and 'Star Awards' will be given out at the whole school assembly. Recipients of these awards will be invited to attend 'Hot Chocolate Fridays' with the Head Teacher.

