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Welcome to Dunannie

Dear Parents,

This handbook is mainly intended for newcomers to the Dunannie community, but we hope those who are already members will find it of interest and be helpful and informative throughout the Dunannie years.

This booklet is therefore designed to fill some of the gaps; it has a little history about Dunannie and it explains our relationship with Dunhurst and Bedales. It tells you about the staff and the curriculum they teach, it outlines the aims of the schools and most importantly our partnership with parents.

We have tried to be brief, but we have to include many household notes such as car parking, absence notes and name tapes which, experience suggests, are necessary for the smooth running of the school.

We hope you will find this booklet a useful point of reference, alongside our website however, there is much more that could be said so your questions are always welcome. Dunannie has an ‘Open Door’ policy and it is the regular communication between home and school that ensures we do our best for the children in our care.

Victoria Homewood
Head of Dunannie
School Aims

The Aims of the School

Inspired by the founder of Bedales School John H. Badley these are the aims for all children aged 3 – 18 years.

Head

To develop inquisitive thinkers with a love of learning who cherish independence.

Hand

To enable students’ talents to develop through doing and making.

Heart

To foster individuality and encourage initiative, creativity and the appreciation of the beautiful.

Work of Each for Weal of All

To enable students and staff to take pride in the community’s distinctiveness, to feel valued and nourished by the community.

The World Beyond Dunannie

To foster interest beyond the school engaging with the local community and developing an international awareness.

‘Work of Each for Weal of All’
History

Dunannie started in October 1953 in part of a handsome Queen Anne/Georgian building (now demolished) across the Alton Road from Dunhurst. Its first Head was Miss Sophy Tatchell, where the school and its 16 pupils ranged from 3½ to 7½ years. It was famously described as “An outpost of heaven down the road”.

As the school outgrew its original home, it moved firstly to Dunhurst and then in 1983 to the present building where children enjoy the excellent modern facilities you can see today.

Sophy Tatchell was a Froebelian and the philosophy of family atmosphere, where individual talent and imagination is given the freedom to develop, has survived the school’s first sixty years and we aim wholeheartedly to continue this ethos.

New Buildings:  
- Sophy Tatchell Library - 1990
- Extended classrooms - 1996
- Extended Library and new offices – 2001
- Bedales Sports Hall & Swimming Pool Modernisation – 2002
- Junior Schools’ Dining Room completely redesigned - 2003
- ICT Suite – 2004
- The Nursery took over the existing Barn in 2006.
- The Art and Design Building in 2016

Further Reading:  
- “Bedales School - the First Hundred Years” by Roy Wake and Pennie Denton.
- “Boys and Girls” The first 100 years of co-education at Bedales by Avril Hardie.
Dunannie Staff

One of the school's most important resources is the staff and Dunannie is fortunate in having inspirational, creative teachers who are exceptionally dedicated. Each class has a teacher and a teaching assistant.

Victoria Homewood – Head of Dunannie  
Sharon Rose - Deputy Head of Dunannie  
Catherine Claasen - Director of Teaching and Learning Dunannie

Nursery
Natalie Whitfield – Nursery Teacher,  
Belinda Johnson – Nursery Teaching Assistant  
Jo Kingsley-Pallant – Nursery Teaching Assistant  
Matilda Hall – Nursery Teaching Assistant, Swallow Club Leader

Reception to Year 3 Teachers
Camilla Bell –Science Co-ordinator  
Penny Carpenter (Maternity Cover) – Assistant Director of Music for Dunannie and Dunhurst  
Catherine Claasen - Director of Teaching and Learning  
Kate Goldmann – Part time Teacher  
Inma Franco Gonzalez – French/Spanish Teacher (Dunannie and Dunhurst)  
Ben Harlan - Director of Music for Dunannie and Dunhurst.  
Bridget MacMillan – Outdoor Work and IT Co-ordinator  
Leanne Payne – Teacher  
Karen Roberson – PE, Games and Swimming Teacher  
Sharon Rose – Deputy Head, Teacher, Early Years Co-ordinator

Reception to Year 3 Teaching Assistants
Ros Boulton – Teaching Assistant  
Dorota Butler – Teaching Assistant  
Natalie Gafford – Teacher/Teaching Assistant  
Georgina Knowles –Teaching Assistant - High Level First Aider  
Bryony May –Teaching Assistant, Learning Support Assistant  
Jo Swallow – Teaching Assistant - Swallow Club Leader

Administration Staff
Sophie Martin - School Secretary  
Rachel Hinett - Heads’ PA
### The Board of Governors

**Bedales School - The Board of Governors Responsibilities as at 15 March 2019**

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07.45        Early Birds Club - early drop off in the Studio next to the Library for those children who require supervision.

Nursery:
Mornings: 08.15 – 11.45; Afternoons 12.00 – 15.25 (including lunch)
All Day: 08.15 – 08.30 – 15.25

Reception to Year 3:
08.15 - 08.30  Arrive at school
08.30        First Morning Session (8.30am for Year 3)
08.35        Assembly (Monday - Thursday)
10.00        Outdoor play (Reception only however this is flexible)
10.30        Assembly (Friday)
10.30        Snack
10.35        Outdoor play (Years 1, 2 and 3)
11.00        Second Morning Session
12.00        Lunch
12.30        Quiet activities in the classroom (in Library once a week)
13.00        Orchard Play Time
13.30        Afternoon Session
15.30        School day ends
15.30 – 16.30  After school Activities and Swallow Club (To be booked in advance)
16.30 – 17.25  Late Swallow Club (To be booked in advance)

Arrival at the beginning of the day

Parents can park in the car park to the right of the school drive. The school asks parents to consider car-sharing arrangements with other local families. For safety reasons we would be grateful if you would park in the school car park and use the paths to walk through the car park. Please supervise children carefully in the car park and use the Orchard path, rather than the tarmacadam drive which is used by delivery trucks. Children attending Dunhurst should be dropped off at the main steps in the Dunhurst car park. Please take extreme care when travelling from the Dunhurst car park to Dunannie.

Parents are able to leave children from 08.15. Children should be taken to their classroom and be signed in with the supervising staff. If children wish to play outside before school they must be supervised by an adult and come into school at 08.15am ready to start the day at 08.30.
Leaving at the end of the day

At the end of the day all children are collected from outside their classroom doors. Each child shakes hands with their teacher and says goodbye when their parents arrive. If your child is collected by someone unknown to the school, please let us have this information in writing and, if possible, introduce the person concerned to the Class Teacher. Alternatively email dunannie@bedales.org.uk.

The morning Nursery children are collected from The Nursery Barn at 11.45 or 15.25.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to supervise their child in the orchard or on playground equipment at the beginning and end of the school day. The top playground and equipment is reserved for Activities or Swallow Club and you are asked to leave this area by 15.45pm.

The safety of your child is of utmost importance to us; please supervise your child carefully when arriving and departing from the car park or in the playground before and after school.

Assembly

There are five School Assemblies a week. These may be taken by Victoria, a member of staff, a visiting speaker or by the children. Parents are invited to attend one class assembly during the year.

After School Activities – Reception to Yr3

After School Activities are offered after school and these may include: African Drumming, an Art activity, Athletics, Cricket, Drama, Football, Gymnastics, Chinese, Judo and Tennis. (Not all clubs are available to all years).

There is an After School Club, known as “Swallow Club” available for children in Nursery to Year 3 until 16.30 and a late Swallow Club, with supper, 16.30 to 17.25. Swallow Club children should be collected from the Library. It is essential that children are picked up promptly as staff running these clubs have other commitments. Please contact the Swallow Club staff directly if you cannot collect your child from Swallow club because you are delayed. The Swallow Club contact number is 07826 870663. This number should only be used in emergencies. Swallow Club places can be booked via the School Office. There is an additional charge for Swallow Club.

A letter goes out at the beginning of the Autumn Term and before the start of the Spring and Summer Terms to organise these activities and there is a termly charge.
General Information

Address and Telephone Number, E-mail Address
Please ensure that the School Office has your correct address, email and telephone numbers at all times. It is essential that work, private and mobile telephone numbers are given too for use in case of emergencies.

A whole school telephone address list is available on the website. In the event of school closure e.g. heavy snow, the school will send you a text message followed by confirmation by email.

Please note that personal information is provided solely as a personal reference for parents and is not to be divulged to any third parties or used for any commercial purposes.

Absence and Sickness
If your child is absent from school for any reason, the school must be informed as soon as possible. In the first instance you can telephone the school secretary, however, a letter or email is required explaining your child’s absence. (Please see medical matters)

Badley Day
Every year the school community celebrates the educational principles of Founder John Badley through an annual event – staff, students and parents from the three Bedales Schools participate in a range of events and celebrations in the spirit of the school motto ‘Work of Each for Weal of All’.

Behaviour
We are committed to establishing a happy, caring learning environment that promotes positive behaviour and relationships where children are encouraged to have respect for themselves, each other, adults and property. We are committed to praising and encouraging positive behaviour and do this in a number of ways. We deal with negative behaviour at the earliest opportunity and children are aware of the consequences for negative behaviour. If necessary we inform parents and work with them to resolve issues.

Our Behaviour Management and Anti-Bullying Policy is available for parents to read on-line.

Bicycles/Scooters
A bicycle rack is situated to the rear of the staff room. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure bicycles/scooters are securely locked. Children must wear helmets on their journeys to school.
**Birthday Celebrations**

If you wish your child to celebrate their birthday with their class friends, please send either individual cakes or biscuits (no nuts or seeds please) which can be easily distributed. It is helpful if parents avoid having large birthday parties mid-week after a full day at school.

We recommend invitations may only be given out in school if the whole class is to be invited, otherwise they should be posted. Whilst people may not want to ask the whole class to a party or birthday treat, we would ask that great care is taken not to inadvertently exclude a minority of either girls or boys.

**Book Bags**

All children from Reception class upwards are given a book bag - each class has a different colour. The bag should come to school every day with the reading diary and reading book even if the book is not finished. Please look after books that we send home.

**Child Protection and Safeguarding**

The school has a Child Protection Policy which is available for parents to see in the office or on the school website.

**Curriculum Information**

Early in the Autumn Term each year group presents curriculum information to parents:

Dates: All Dunannie Term dates are to be found on the schools website.

**Dogs**

Dogs are welcome but not inside. Please see the dog policy for more information.

**Equal Opportunities**

The school has an Equal Opportunities policy, a copy of which can be seen in the School Office and available on the school website. At Dunannie we believe in valuing and celebrating the diversity within our community. We aim to develop good practice and positive attitudes in the early years, and encourage an anti-discriminatory approach to the world in general and other human beings in particular. We believe that all people should have equal opportunities to learn, develop and grow with dignity in a community of mutual respect.

**Food Allergies**

Please inform the school if your child has any or develops food allergies. The kitchen do not use nuts or seeds and will try to accommodate any special dietary needs. Please remember that any foods brought into school must be nut and seed free.
**Friday Letter**
The Friday letter is a weekly form of communication between home and school. There are photographs of the children, a letter from the FODs giving up to date information for parents, and also a letter from Victoria.

**Hair**
Children with shoulder length hair or longer should keep it tied back or plaited when at school. The reason for this is not only to limit the chance of hair infestation, but also for safety reasons in PE and swimming lessons.

**Health and Safety**
Monthly Risk Assessments are carried out in the Nursery and Dunannie, on classrooms, outdoor spaces and all equipment and toys used by the children.

**Holidays**
Please make your family holiday arrangements during the school holiday if at all possible. If your child misses any school time, especially at the beginning of term, it is to your child’s disadvantage. Permission is needed from the Head if a child is taken out of school during term time. In this case, please put your request in writing.

**Homework** – this may change occasionally
- **Reception** - children bring Book Bags home every day. 10 minutes reading with an adult is strongly encouraged as well as sharing books together.
- **Year 1** – Reading for 10 minutes every night is encouraged with an adult.
- **Year 2** – Reading for 15 minutes every night with an adult.
- **Year 3** – Daily reading and a weekly maths task, as well as some project related homework – this may include writing, research or an art activity.

**Insurance**
**Possessions**: Please check your insurance policies. Parents are reminded that the insurance against fire, theft, etc. of all personal effects belonging to their children, including clothes, musical instruments and calculators must be their own responsibility. Unfortunately, the insurance cannot be covered by the school but the Bursar will be pleased to give advice. Please note that we cannot allow uninsured musical instruments to be brought to the school.

**Personal Accident**: All children are automatically included in a personal accident scheme which covers permanent disability. Full details are circulated periodically in a leaflet issued by our brokers.
Jewellery
No jewellery except for wrist watches should be worn to school.

Library Books
Library books can be borrowed from the Library and then returned by popping them into the large ‘book box’. A charge will be made for any books that are lost or unreturned to school.

Lunch
All children have lunch in the dining room where they are supervised by the teaching staff. All staff eat lunch with the children.

We expect children to come to school knowing how to use a knife and fork and how to sit at a table for lunch. If a special diet is necessary for medical reasons, this must be indicated to the school office in writing.

In the dining room the children serve themselves under the supervision of staff. Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us for lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays once a term. Please sign up on the list in the entrance hall. There is a sample menu in the office available. The children have a wide choice of hot and cold meals every day and there is a wonderful array of fresh fruit and salads. The children are encouraged to eat a healthy, balanced diet and staff monitor the children’s choices.

Lost Property
We do all we can to recover items that go missing. We impress on all the children that they need to be responsible for their own property and respectful of other people’s property. There is a lost property box on the cloakroom shelf.

If your child has lost something, please could you inform their Class Teacher immediately. It always helps if everything that a child brings into school is marked clearly with their name, particularly all clothing and footwear. We encourage children not to bring in prized possessions which can so easily broken.

Medical Matters
The school must be kept informed of all medical details and of any family circumstances that might affect a child’s health or behaviour. When a child joins Dunannie parents are asked to complete a “Health Sheet” and essential information is entered on our database. Parents are then able to access the Parent portal and updated their own records accordingly.
Please note that, unlike the state sector, independent schools cannot offer the standard medical check-up for five-year-olds. These should be carried out by your GP.

We strongly advise all children to have regular hearing and eye tests from 3 years onward.

We would prefer not to have medication for children in school. If it is essential, however, clearly named medicine must be handed to the school office. Written instructions must accompany the medicines on a form obtainable from the school office which should be signed by the parent. If a child has been sick he/she should be kept at home for 48 hours before returning to school. Following any illness, children should be fully recovered before returning to school. It is considered that if a child is well enough to be in school, they are well enough to play outside.

If your child has a condition such as asthma and requires an inhaler or any other device or procedure to be administered during the school day, the parent must ensure that the procedure is clearly demonstrated to the staff and/or the school office. If inhalers or other medical equipment are required when children are out of school on trips, it is the parents’ responsibility to see that it is given to the appropriate adult.

If your child feels ill or has an accident in School and the teacher thinks your child should go home we will telephone you and ask you to collect your child. If a parent is not available, another emergency contact will be phoned.

**Head Lice**

Head lice tend to be an on-going problem among children at school. The medical advice is to check your family’s hair regularly and brush it vigorously. If you are aware of a case of head lice, please let us know. Head lice are transferred directly from one head to another and have plenty of opportunities to do this with young children. **We ask that children with shoulder length hair should keep it tied back or plaited when at school.** Treatment and combing is recommended for up to two weeks.

In the event of a medical emergency the school will administer first aid treatment and phone for an ambulance and parents will be informed. Also see point 5.6 in the Bedales School Terms and Conditions regarding emergency treatment.

**Mobile Phones**

No photographs of children apart from your own should be taken whilst on the premises.
Music Lessons
Individual music tuition on a variety of instruments is available as an optional extra and great care is taken to arrange music lessons, as far as possible, at appropriate times to minimise classroom disruption. Authorisation from parents is necessary before lessons can be arranged. Forms for music tuition are available from the school office.

Missing Children
At Dunannie we do our utmost to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every child in our care and in the case of a missing child the procedures contained in the Missing Child Policy must be adhered to strictly.

Outings and Class Visits
We believe that visits are a very important part of the curriculum at Dunannie. Travel is by school minibus with a full seat belt. Occasionally a coach is hired and the children always wear seat belts. Visits are accompanied by the Class Teacher, Assistants and several adults, depending upon the number of children involved. Parents are informed about visits by letter including details of the cost. Charges for visits are added to the end of term invoice.

Children are expected to wear their red Dunannie Hoodie or raincoat for visits for easy identification. On some visits a small rucksack that can carry lunch and a water bottle is required.

Year 3 Residential Field Trip: The highpoint of Year 3 for the children is a residential visit. There is an additional cost which is added to the school invoice, split over two terms. This highlight of Dunannie is an integral part of the Year 3 curriculum. Preparation work is planned before the visit and follow up work plays a major part in the terms curriculum.

Picnic lunch – class visits
Children going out for the day on a Class visit are provided with a picnic lunch by the school. Please provide a water bottle.

Photographs
Unless a parent advises the school otherwise, it will be assumed that parents are willing for their child to be photographed for school projects / school displays. Parents may photograph / video children in school productions with the assumption that images are for home use only and will not be published in any form or uploaded onto the internet.
Whilst photographing/filming your own child for personal use is allowed, please do not download pictures onto the internet as this contravenes our safeguarding measures.

Registrar / Admissions
The whole school’s admissions policy applies to the Nursery and appears on our web site. Janie Jarman is the Registrar for the three Bedales Schools. She can be contacted on 01730 711733 or jjarman@bedales.org.uk. Contact Janie if you would like to attend any Dunhurst or Bedales Open Mornings.

Reports
Written reports are produced for each child in Nursery to Year 3 at the end of the Summer Term. In the Summer Term, parents of Reception children will get the chance to discuss their child’s Early Years Foundation Stage Profile with the class teacher if they wish.

School Closure
School closures are put on the home page of the Bedales’ web site under ‘Today’s Events’. Short notice of closure will be advised to parents by text messaging and confirmed by email.

School Uniform Reception to Year 3
There is no school uniform at Dunannie but all children in Reception - Year 3 need the items on page 18 clearly marked with the child’s name. The School Shop for kit is online at https://sportslockerstore.co.uk/shop-dunannie/

Security
There is a security lock on the front door which is in operation during the day. Internal doors can only be opened with a security code. Visitors or parents collecting children from Swallow Club and Activities should ring the bell to alert staff. Visitors to the school are required to wear a badge and check in with the School Secretary. At 5.30pm all the external doors to the school are locked.

Smoking
There is a No Smoking Policy across the whole school site, buildings and grounds.

Snack / Water
Children have a daily snack that may include carrot sticks, a wide range of fruit, bread sticks, yoghurt cheese, bread and butter, and marmite. There is a choice of milk or water to drink. The children are encouraged to drink water during the course of the day.
Telephoning the School
The Dunannie telephone number is 01730 300400 for general enquiries during office hours (Mon.-Fri. 8.15am to 4.15 pm). After this time, there is an answer phone and messages may be left for the following day. If you need to contact the school urgently, you can be connected via Bedales (01730) 300100. Swallow Club* phone number is 0782 687 0663 (3.30-5.25)
*Please book Swallow club places via the School Office or e-mail: dunannie@bedales.org.uk

Term Dates
Please refer to the school website for up-to-date information.

Uncollected Children
If a child is uncollected at the end of the school day a member of staff will remain with them until we are able to make contact with parents and the child is collected.

Website / Media
The School website address is: www.bedales.org.uk. A form will be sent to you when registering to let us know in writing if you do not wish your child to appear in photographs on our website, or in internal / external media publications. Please note that under the Dunannie calendar you will find photographs and information about recent events. This is regularly updated.
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### General Kit – Reception to Year 3

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The Alphabet Gift Shop - [https://www.thealphabetgiftshop.co.uk/catalogsearch/result/?q=dunannie](https://www.thealphabetgiftshop.co.uk/catalogsearch/result/?q=dunannie)
Partnership with Parents

Parents are as important as teachers in the education of a child. It is vital that we work together as a team. Families can support what we aim to achieve at school by informing us of events at home that may affect a child (a new brother or sister, death of a grandparent, moving house ... the list is endless but children are very sensitive to such things).

There are support networks such as the Friends of Dunannie (FODs); Coffee Mornings, Parent meetings and family events like the Badley Day. These are important as they enable us to understand each other and, most importantly, the children.

There is an open door policy and we encourage parents to talk to staff at school. We are always pleased to talk with parents at a mutually convenient time.

Bedales Parents’ Association
The Bedales Parents’ Association is made up of staff and parents from all three schools. One of the Dunannie parents also sits on the Bedales Parents’ Association. There is an AGM which all parents are welcome to attend.

Complaints Procedure
Bedales Schools regards relationships with parents as very important, and aims for open and easy communication between home and school. It also aims to provide teaching and pastoral care of the highest order. If, however, parents do have a complaint, they can expect it to be treated by the school in accordance with this procedure. Please refer to the Complaints Procedure Policy on the Bedales website.

Friends of Dunannie (FODs)
One parent from each class acts as a representative and serves for one year from September to July. The function of this group is to support Dunannie and organise social and fundraising events. Over the years, parents have dug a huge sandpit, funded an adventure playground, a sound garden and planted bulbs, as well as many other activities to enhance the school environment. The class representative also liaises with the class teacher and other parents in the class helping to support class activities.
Mailing List - Bedales’ Olivier Theatre
All parents at Dunannie are automatically mailed with information on forthcoming productions at Bedales. There are visiting professional theatre groups and exhibitions as well as ‘in house’ productions. The theatre and is a wonderful asset to the whole school community.

Parents’ Curriculum Information
All Parents are invited to a Curriculum Information meeting early in the Autumn Term at which the class teacher explains the outline of the academic year ahead and how you, as parents, can be involved and help your child. It is also an opportunity for you to meet fellow parents and the year group staff.

Parents’ Meetings
There are Parents’ meetings for Nursery to Year 3 in the second half of the Autumn and Spring Term when parents have a meeting with their child’s teacher to discuss progress and any other relevant issues. Reception parents are invited to school to discuss the EYFS profile.

Parents’ Notice Board
There is a Parents’ Notice Board in the entrance hall which always has a copy of the current newsletter and other useful information. The Friday Newsletter is also put on the Bedales website.

Practical ways Parents can be involved at Dunannie such as:
• Talks about projects / interests
• Projects in the school grounds
• Productions
• Art Activities
Curriculum

Our learning environment is a highly creative one where each child is nurtured and encouraged to explore their potential and challenge themselves throughout their life in Dunannie. We want all children to develop enquiring minds through creative thought and philosophical discussion.

We identify, as early as possible, children who are academically able as well as those who are talented in a particular area, so special provision can be made for them. We aim to provide additional learning opportunities for able children both academically and in specific disciplines. We have specialist teachers for Music, PE, Games, Swimming, Sport, Drama and French. They are able to identify, enhance and extend identified abilities.

We are aware that some able children may also need social and emotional support and we work closely with parents to ensure each child's time at Dunannie is stimulating, fulfilling and happy.

Full and detailed information on the Dunannie curriculum can be found on the website at: https://www.bedales.org.uk/pre-prep/dunannie-curriculum
LINKS WITH DUNHURST AND BEDALES

The majority of Dunannie children progress to Dunhurst and Bedales.

The broad Bedales philosophy is of educating ‘Head, Hand and Heart’ and the proximity of the junior and senior schools gives us the advantage of being able to share facilities and activities. We are also able to call on both staff and pupils from Dunhurst and Bedales who contribute much to the children’s learning.

The Governing Body is common to all three schools.

- Dunannie regularly uses the Bedales Swimming Pool and Sports Hall.
- Pupils watch both school and professional productions at the Bedales Olivier Theatre.
- Dunhurst staff help with specialist skills such as Music and Pottery.
- Dunannie teachers work collaboratively with Dunhurst and Bedales students to create enriched activities that enhance our curriculum.
- Bedales’ musicians give a concert at Dunannie from time to time. Dunhurst musicians perform at Dunannie each week.
- Bedales and Dunhurst pupils sign up to help at Dunannie on a regular basis as part of their community service. They help with activities at playtime, such as football and playground games.
- Use of the extensive Bedales School grounds, and visits to the Bedales’ Farm to see such activities as lambing, sheep shearing and bread making.
- Bedales staff enrich the children’s learning in many departments
- Bedales students also work with Dunannie children on a variety of projects and workshops
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