



## **Netherlea School newsletter – January 2026**

### Welcome

Netherlea School provides education for young people, aged 8 to 18. We have a team of five teachers and three higher-level teaching assistants. The school delivers the Curriculum for Excellence, from Early up to the Fourth Level, and a range of SQA and other qualifications.

This newsletter provides regular updates on what is happening at Netherlea and is for all young people and adults with an interest in the school. You can email David Noble, Head Teacher, with any queries – [david.noble@caretech-uk.com](mailto:david.noble@caretech-uk.com) .

### New telephone number

The school's main telephone number is now 07919 351872. This number can be contacted at any time, with calls answered or responded to between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, during term time.

### The new school term

The final school day of this half term is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. School starts back on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

The final day of this term is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. School then starts back on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

### School timetable

A reminder that our school day runs from 9.20am until 3.25pm, Mondays to Thursdays; and 9.20am until 1.15pm on Fridays.

## Meta-Skills

Teachers, Joy and Roosa, have been leading work with our young people on the Meta-Skills Passport programme of interactive and engaging lessons; developing skills that are linked to real-life contexts. More information is at <https://tinyurl.com/2y94af2d> .

## Netherlea is a Rights Respecting School

In late 2025, Netherlea attained the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. The award recognises that we are showing good progress in embedding the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into our policies, practices and culture. Well done to everyone and to Joy for co-ordinating.

## Improving our school

Everyone is working hard to support our young people to have good attendance and engagement in school and with their individual learning pathways.

The education team have recently developed their skills in emergency first aid and basic life support. Our next in-service training is on trauma-informed practices.

We have appointed two new higher-level teaching assistants, who will join the education team soon.

We are always working on improving the curriculum at Netherlea and the opportunities for young people to attain SQA and other qualifications.

Links with our community are very important, and we are looking for more opportunities for our Senior Phase learners to access work and volunteering placements; and real-life, outdoor learning opportunities.

## The Promise

Netherlea School pledges to uphold The Promise “that all Scotland’s children and young people will grow up loved, safe and respected, so they can realise their full potential.” The Promise underpins our school improvement plan, and our dedication to our learners and their families.

We hope that you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about Netherlea School or if you are interested in helping us on our ‘journey to excellence’.

Thank you!