

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a shared headship?

A: A shared headship is when two schools are led by one Head Teacher.

Each school will retain its own identity but will benefit from collaborative working.

Q: Will the Head Teacher teach a class?

A: The Head Teacher will not have a specific class teaching commitment.

Q: How will the Head Teacher's time be split between the two schools?

A: The Head Teacher's time will be split flexibly between the two schools according to the varying needs of the schools. The Head Teachers timetable will be shared with parents.

Q: How will I contact the Head Teacher?

A: You can contact the Head Teacher in the normal way by phoning the school office of your child's school. If your query is urgent and the Head Teacher is in the partner school he/she will be contacted.

Q: How will the Head Teacher monitor progress in the school?

A: The Head Teacher will monitor learning and teaching through establishing robust self-evaluative procedures and will be fully aware of the progress of every child in both schools.

Q: How will Parents' Evenings work?

A: Arrangements for Parents evenings will reflect the expectations contained with East Lothian Council's Parental engagement strategy.

Q: Will there still be two Parent Councils?

A: Yes, each school will have a Parent Council. There may be opportunities for joint meetings during the year if desired.

Q: How will parents be informed about dates, events etc?

A: Parents will be informed through a range of methods. A joint calendar will be available so that parents are aware of events in both schools.

Q: What will be the different for my child?

A: There will be no change to the day to day running of the schools so your child might not notice any difference. There will be opportunities for joint working and closer links between the schools. For example, children at particular stages might work together. The schools will be able to share resources.