



Dean Valley Community Primary School



I am so excited that you have chosen Dean Valley Community Primary School to start your learning journey. My name is Mrs McPherson and I am the Head teacher here at Dean Valley Community Primary School. I have been the headteacher for 20 months and absolutely love my job and feel very lucky to be a part of such an amazing community.

Our vision is to enable our children to become confident and independent learners who are resilient and respectful of others and accepting of our diverse world. Our dedicated and enthusiastic team work hard to inspire and motivate their classes so that our children develop a love for learning and experience all we can offer with enthusiasm taking great pride in all their achievements.

As Headteacher I love to see what the children are doing in school and am always thrilled to see work they are proud of, watch their developing talents in art, music and dance and hear about how things work. In my office my gold star prize box is full of goodies and it always makes me smile to see faces at my door waving reward cards that are full of stickers. Sharing new learning, hearing about star challenges which have been achieved independently and seeing just how creative our reception children are is so exciting and I always look forward to hearing just how proud Mrs Dumbleton and Miss Ashcroft are of our new children and know that Reception 2020 will be making us smile from ear to ear very quickly!

At home, I am mum to three children, my eldest is in Year 13 in September, my middle child is about to start Year 10 and my youngest has just taken the big step of moving to high school. They are always busy (sometimes getting up to mischief) and all work hard and enjoy spending time with their friends, I am very proud of them all. My husband is also a Head teacher and when we aren't busy at school or being our children's taxi service we all love being in the outdoors; camping, walking miles, mountain biking, kayaking and paddle boarding. I love spending time with my family.

Covid-19 has meant many changes for us as a school in the last few months. As a school community we are going to focus on the positives we can take from this time and continue to enjoy being in school with our fabulous children. We will continue to celebrate all of our children and all that they achieve be that in developing as learners, finding new skills and talents, growing in resilience and confidence or taking every opportunity they are offered. I am really looking forward to meeting you all and to welcoming families - old and new - to our school community. Take care and stay safe.

