



# CALDERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION

Updated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Introduction

It has been eight weeks since our school closed and we issued you with our initial Home Learning Information guidance, which was included in the packs sent home for each child. At the time we were very quickly establishing the best way to continue to engage our pupils in their learning and support our families, with very limited knowledge of how long our school would remain closed or how far ahead we would be planning for.

Whilst we still do not know exactly when our return to school will be, or what it will look like, it is clear that distance learning will be part of our lives for the foreseeable future. With that in mind, we have taken on board feedback from our Parent Council and wider Parent Forum to adapt our distance learning provision to a way that we hope will better suit our young learners and their families. I have set this out for you below. As always, we are grateful for any feedback you have and contact information is included at the bottom of this guidance.

We remain committed to maintaining our role at the heart of our community, supporting our families however we can and providing ways to keep us feeling connected whilst we are physically apart.

The most important thing we ask of you is to please keep in touch with us – engage in the Google Classroom activities, say 'hello' to your teacher when you are in Google Classrooms to let them know you're there, tag us in photographs on Twitter, send us an email just to say 'hi' and send in your stories for our Calderwood Chronicle newsletter. Let's keep the Calderwood community spirit going strong!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in these challenging times.

*Mrs Innes*



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### Google Classroom

Every child will have access to two Google Classrooms, one for their class and one for the whole school.

#### Google Classroom for Own Class:

*Please note that we are aware that all family circumstances are different and we understand that distance learning poses difficulties for families for a variety of reasons. Our intention is not to contribute additional stress to families at this difficult time. If there is anything we can do to support you or your child, please contact your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team (details below).*

The aim of distance learning through Google Classroom is to allow your child's learning to continue whilst our school remains closed.

We have made changes to the way that work will be presented in the Google Classroom for your child's class to ensure that work is more specific and focused.

Learners will be given '**Core Tasks**' and '**Additional Tasks**'.

#### Core Tasks

- Every day three tasks will be posted to Google Classroom labelled 'Core Tasks'.
- These are the tasks that we would expect children to complete each day.
- These will consist of a literacy task, a numeracy task and one from another curricular area.
- The literacy and numeracy tasks will change daily, but the one from another curricular area might run over several days (e.g. a research task for topic).
- 'Core Tasks' will be **specific, focused** and **differentiated** to suit the needs of all learners.
- There will be a balance across the week of online activities and written work for the 'Core Tasks', with feedback being given for some activities.

#### Additional Tasks

- 'Additional Tasks' will also be provided for pupils.
- These will be optional extra activities for pupils who have completed their 'Core Tasks'.
- The 'Additional Tasks' will be more open-ended and less targeted.



- They will cover all curricular areas.
- These might be ongoing and will not necessarily be changed daily.

### **Additional Information**

- Teachers will update their Google Classroom every day by 10am.
- 'Time with the Teacher' – staff will inform pupils of a time that they will be available during the course of the day to communicate with pupils in real-time.
- Teachers will also respond to communication as appropriate during school hours.  
(Please note that staff will also be undertaking additional development work throughout the day in line with our School Improvement Plan and many are staffing the School Hub to support key workers.)

### **Whole School Google Classroom:**

- The aim of this Classroom is to keep a sense of whole-school community. Lots of links, tasks, messages and activities - suitable for the whole school - will be posted here.
- The Whole School Classroom will be used over holidays and times when the Google Classrooms for each individual class are not operational.

### **Communication**

It is important to us that we are able to stay connected as a school community. Updates and information will continue to be issued via the **School App**. If you do not have the App, it is easy to download and is the best way for us to maintain communication. Please also follow us on **Twitter** - @CalderwoodSLC - as we are using this regularly, too. Updates will also be posted on the **Parent Council Facebook page**.

**If you need to make contact with a member of staff from the school, please email:**

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