

Calderwood Primary School

Information Update for Parents

13th and 14th August 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome pupils back to Calderwood this week. It is so lovely to see all of them again and enjoy our shared excitement at being back to school. Next week, we will return full-time. This is a big step for all of us, and one we know is in the best interests of our pupils. With that in mind, in order to keep us *all* safe - and our children in school and learning - there are a number of measures we have put in place. For these to work, we need the full support of all of our school community, and your role as parents and carers is vital. Please work with us to keep our school a safe and happy place for our children, staff and families.

(Please note, these measures will be subject to constant review and will be changed if necessary.)

Structure of the School Day

From Monday 17th August, in order to minimise the flow of traffic around the school and the number of adults in the playground, we will be operating staggered start and finish times for pupils.

We have split classes into two groups.

Group A	Room 1, Room 3, Room 5, Room 6, Room 9, Room 10, Room 13 and Room 15
Group B	Room 2, Room 4, Room 7, Room 8, Room 11, Room 12 and Room 14

Group A

Start of Day	Break Time	Lunch Time	End of Day
8.55am	10.10 – 10.25am	11.55am – 12.40pm	2.55pm

Group B

Start of Day	Break Time	Lunch Time	End of Day
9.05am	10.30 – 10.45am	12.45 - 1.30pm	3.05pm

Start and End of Day

- At the start of the day, children should line up with their class at their allocated door when the bell goes. Children should arrive at the school as close to their start time as possible. We must minimise the number of people on school grounds, therefore children should not arrive early to play in the playground.
- Adults must adhere to social distancing guidance in the playground, and should stay 2m apart from other households. Many local schools are asking parents not to enter the playground. We have chosen not to do this at present, however, if we believe that social distancing guidance cannot or is not being followed in our playground, we will need to review this decision at a later date.
- We would ask that only one adult drops off/picks up children.

Visiting the School

- No parents or carers are allowed in the school building at present. If you have a concern or wish to speak to a member of staff, please contact us by telephone or email in the first instance. If you need to speak to someone urgently, for example, about a medical matter or the administration of medication, you can ring to bell to come into the security 'bubble' at the main door. Only **one** person is allowed in the 'bubble' at any one time and a mask should be worn in line with government guidance.

Communication

- Parental communication is more important now than ever before. Please use our App, website, Twitter and Parent Council Facebook page to find out the latest information. The App is still our preferred method of communication.

Absence/Illness

- South Lanarkshire Council guidance for schools advises a zero tolerance policy towards symptoms of Covid 19. If your child or a member of your family is displaying symptoms (a new cough, high temperature or fever and/or loss or change in sense of taste and smell) then your child should not be sent to school. Guidance around testing and isolation should then be followed. Please do not send your child to school if you are concerned about their health. If in doubt, please speak to your local medical practice for advice.
- If a child displays symptoms in school, a member of the Senior Leadership Team or office staff will be alerted immediately. They will then telephone the child's parent or carer and the child will wait in our 'isolation space' to be collected. **It is imperative that any child displaying symptoms is collected from school as quickly as possible.**
- Please remember, school staff are not trained medical professionals, and we cannot make judgements about a child's health. We will adhere to guidelines given to us by the Scottish Government and South Lanarkshire Council and will take a cautious approach given current circumstances.
- If your child will be absent from school, please telephone the office before 9.30am, providing your child's name, class and the reason for their absence.

Thank you, as always, for your support. I look forward to a productive, fun (if a little unusual) school session. Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Innes

