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- Lockdown Reflection Survey for Parents and Carers (reminder)
- Symptom checker flowchart

Reflection Survey for Parents and Carers



Thank you to everyone who has completed our lockdown survey for parents and carers already. We have had 170 responses so far, but this is still only representative of less than half the school. If you haven't yet completed the form, please take a few minutes to do this. You are helping us shape our school response to Covid, and also helping to shape future planning for home learning, should it be required. The form can be found at:

<https://forms.gle/p5cdxLkqtKto7s1Q7>

Please complete this before Monday 21st September to allow us to collate the information.

Thank you!

Visiting the Office



Please remember to wear a mask if you are entering the bubble to speak to a member of office staff. If you do not have a mask, we would ask that you refrain from coming into the bubble and instead telephone the school with your enquiry. Please also remember that only one adult should be in the bubble at any time and you should sanitise your hands upon entry.

School Milk



Please remember that, after Thursday 24th September, school milk **must be ordered and paid for in advance on ParentPay. We will no longer be able to accept cash payments for milk.**

If you are experiencing any issues setting up your ParentPay account, please contact the school office.

Hand Sanitiser and PPE in School

One of the concerns raised in the parent and carer survey was about the hand sanitiser provided in school.

Recently we were supplied with sanitising liquid rather than gel. This was because the gel was not suitable for the dispensers installed around the school (it was too thick). The liquid has a much runnier consistency, but is of a very high quality. Please be reassured, the hand sanitiser is *not* being watered down!

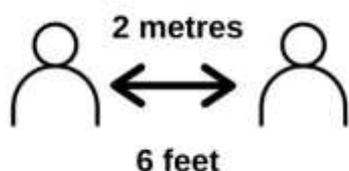
As a school, we are following a very strict risk assessment which includes having a supply of PPE (hand sanitiser, liquid soap, paper towels, gloves, masks and aprons). This PPE is supplied by South Lanarkshire Council and is paid for through their own central budget, not from our school budget. The council have established a successful ordering process for schools and we have a plentiful supply of products selected at local authority level to ensure they are meeting the correct criteria for keeping pupils and staff safe.



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Updated Covid Protection Measures Around School

If you have been at school for dropping off or collection duties recently, you will have noticed that staff are now wearing facemasks whilst out in the playground (when parents and carers are present). This is in response to updated guidance for schools around keeping staff and pupils safe, and is in response to the number of adults in the playground and the difficulty ensuring a 2 metre distance is maintained at all times.



I am sure that you will all be aware of the rising number of Covid cases locally, resulting in greater restrictions imposed across our local authority. There have also been a growing number of cases in schools across Scotland. Our priority, as it always has been, is to take all necessary precautions to safeguard the health of staff, pupils and families as much as possible in school, whilst still providing a nurturing and welcoming environment for pupils. This involves;

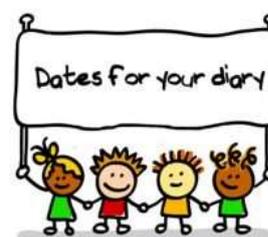
- Maintaining a 2 metre distance between adults and wearing a mask when this is not possible,
- Trying to maintain a 2 metre distance between children and adults,
- Enhanced hygiene procedures, including enhanced cleaning of the school, regular cleaning of high traffic areas and 'touch points' and hand-washing/hand sanitising procedures.

If we have these in place, working together, we will be doing our very best to reduce transmission should someone in the school become infected with Covid.

It is important that we take this current public health crisis seriously as a community. Our first priority is the health of pupils, staff and families – doing what we can to minimise any potential transmission of the virus - however, it is also important that the school remains open and operational.

School Ties

School ties can now be purchased through ParentPay. Just log onto your account, make a payment and then contact the school office (by telephone or email) and they will ensure that a tie is sent home with your child.



- Friday 25th and Monday 28th September – **September Weekend**
- Tuesday 29th September - **In-Service Day (school closed to pupils)**
- Wednesday 30th September – Pupil flu immunisations – NHS team in school
- 12 to 16th October – **October Break**

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Flu Immunisations

A reminder that the School Immunisation Team will be in Calderwood on Wednesday 30th September. If you haven't already returned your completed slip, please do so as soon as possible. More information about flu immunisations for children in Scotland can be found at: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/immunisation/vaccines/child-flu-vaccine>



Contacting Your Child's Teacher



We realise that the restrictions we have in place at the moment at Calderwood mean that there are not the same opportunities available to have an informal chat with your child's class teacher. These informal chats can be very important in nipping little problems or worries in the bud, and stopping them escalating. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher by email (email addresses were on the 'Meet the Teacher' sheets sent out last week) or by telephoning the school office to arrange a chat on the phone if you have any questions or concerns.

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

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gw10combeashley@glow.sch.uk
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