



Education Resources
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Dear Parents and Carers,

HOME LEARNING: PARENT/CARER FEEDBACK AND UPDATED GUIDANCE

Thank you very much to everyone who took time to complete our parent/carer feedback survey on our home learning provision. The feedback was hugely positive and we received some super suggestions and ideas on how we can continue to improve what we have in place.

I have sent out a document to accompany this letter which summarises the feedback we received. I am heartened to hear that the majority of parents and carers feel that the amount of work being assigned to pupils and the number of Google Meets every day is just right. For those who feel it is too much, that is an easier fix than too little. We will continue to encourage parents to do what they can and to make home learning work for them. If you are finding home learning hard to manage, we would encourage you to focus on literacy and numeracy as a priority. Please remember that it is also not compulsory to attend every Google Meet, although we recognise how important they have been in encouraging engagement in tasks.

Thanks to your feedback, we have made a few 'tweaks' to our home learning provision. I have detailed these below. Please take a close look, because some timings have changed. As always, we will continue to monitor our provision and seek feedback.

I have also included alongside this letter a flyer for our 'Big Blether' (again, thanks to your feedback). Please see below for more details on this.

Thank you again for your continued support during this time. We know how hard this is on everyone, but we are getting through it together. Please remember to contact the school if there is anything we can do to further support you or your child.

Kind regards,
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Improvements to Home Learning Provision

5th February 2021

Google Classroom Learning

Session	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Time	Tasks will be scheduled to your child's Google Classroom for 9am	Tasks will be scheduled to your child's Google Classroom for 10.30am	Tasks will be scheduled to your child's Google Classroom for 12.00

Change: Work allocation times changed to be closer together.

Reason: Responding to feedback from parents and carers, we have changed the scheduling times for sessions to be closer together to increase available time in the afternoon.

Some parents and carers requested that all work be scheduled at the same time in the morning, however, many other families reported that the scheduling of tasks is working well for them – we hope that by scheduling work earlier we can reach a compromise.

Class Check Ins (using Google Meet platform)

Rooms	Morning Check-In Time	Afternoon Check-In Time *
Rooms 1 & 2	9.15 am	1.15 pm
Rooms 3 & 4	9.30 am	1.30 pm
Rooms 5 & 6	9.45 am	1.45 pm
Rooms 7 & 8	10.00 am	1.00 pm
Rooms 9 & 10	10.15 am	1.15 pm
Rooms 11, 12 & 13	10.30 am	1.30 pm
Rooms 14 & 15	10.45 am	1.45 pm

***On a Wednesday afternoon there will be no class check-ins. Instead, members of the SLT will hold a virtual assembly for pupils during the afternoon (please see timetable below).**

Change: We have changed the times of the P4 to 7 Google Meets to make them earlier.

Reason: In response to feedback that the later Meets were not giving pupils enough time to complete work in the afternoon and the children were tired by the later afternoon sessions.

A Calderwood Home Learning Week

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Monday	Numeracy	Literacy and English	Interdisciplinary Topic Lesson 1
Tuesday	Numeracy	Literacy and English	Interdisciplinary Topic Lesson 2
Wednesday	Numeracy	Literacy and English	Virtual Assembly Fitkidz activities and additional tasks related to assembly in Whole School Google Classroom
Thursday	Numeracy	Literacy and English	Science
Friday	Numeracy	Literacy and English	Health and Wellbeing

Change: Following feedback from parents/carers and staff, the second topic session has been moved to Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday afternoons will have a focus on active tasks (Fitkidz) and activities relating to assemblies. Tasks will be delivered through the whole-school Google Classroom.

Reason: Feedback from staff and parents, more focus on getting active and time away from screens. Also, availability of practical equipment for maths lessons was a barrier to learning.

Wednesday Afternoon Get-Togethers (Virtual Assemblies)

Member of SLT	Rooms	Time of Get Together
Mrs Combe	Rooms 1, 2 & 3	1.30 pm
Mrs Combe	Rooms 4, 5 & 6	1.00 pm
Mrs Innes	Rooms 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11	1.45 pm
Mrs Ring	Rooms 12, 13, 14 & 15	2.00 pm

Change: Times of assemblies for Rooms 1 – 3 and 4 – 6 have been changed.

Reason: These assemblies were too close together and running over time meant that the second assembly did not start on time.

The Big Blether

In your feedback, a few parents suggested Google Meets with a more relaxed focus to allow for social interaction between peers. We are therefore piloting a virtual lunchtime, supervised by support staff and members of the Senior Leadership Team (just like real lunchtimes!), where pupils can eat and chat. This will begin tomorrow, Friday 5th February. The flyer accompanying this letter has more details. Brace yourself – this could get messy!

The updated full guidance document will be put on our website in due course.

