



Education Resources
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Your ref: P4-7 Return to School
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Date: Thursday 11th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

PRIMARY 4 TO 7 RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING – MONDAY 15th MARCH 2021

We are very excited to be finalising our planning and preparations for all Calderwood pupils to return to face-to-face learning this Monday, 15th March.

This letter includes important information about their return. As part of our planning, in liaison with our local authority and following guidance from the Scottish Government and NHS Lanarkshire, we have been asked to strengthen our rigour around risk mitigation, especially given the increased transmission risk associated with the new variant. It is important to remember that this is not a return to 'normal' – we need to find a 'new normal' where we are doing all we can to ensure the health and safety of pupils, staff and families and make compromises to allow pupils back in the school building. We thank you in anticipation for your patience, support and understanding around these matters.

Please note, due to an ongoing issue with one of our kitchen appliances, we will still be working with a reduced menu. I have attached a copy of this week's menu to this letter for your information. Menus for future weeks will be uploaded onto the App. We are hoping that this issue will be resolved in the very near future, but will keep you updated.

Please take time to read the following information carefully and share it with anyone who may be responsible for dropping off or collecting your child. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Calderwood Primary School

Primary 4 to 7: Return to Face-to-Face Learning

15th March 2021

Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Drop off and pick up times will remain the same as before for all classes. Children should line up at the same doors. We would ask all parents and carers to drop-and-go. Children should arrive in the playground just before their bell rings. As before, the playground will be supervised from 8.50am. All staff will be wearing their pink vests to be easily identifiable. As before, children should go straight to their lines when they arrive in the playground. Children arriving earlier with younger siblings who are in school before them should wait at the pitch with a member of support staff. There is no access to the Trim Trail or pitch area after school, and parents should leave the playground immediately after collecting their child.

Parents and Carers

The First Minister has been very clear that there are concerns around an increase in transmission rates following the return of schools due to parents and carers interacting whilst out-and-about on the school run. For this reason, we would ask the following:

- All parents and carers who can, must wear a mask when entering the playground
- If you cannot wear a mask, please have your lanyard or card on display
- All adults dropping off children must maintain a 2m distance from other adults
- Parents and carers must stand away from the doors when waiting on children to be dismissed to give both the children and their teacher space
- Parents and carers must drop-off or pick-up and go – please do not linger in the playground

Parents and carers will not be allowed into the school bubble (entrance) under *any* circumstances unless it is an absolute emergency. School staff can be contacted by telephone or email. If you need to speak to someone or have a question, please use one of these methods of communication. Please ensure your child has everything they need for their day when you drop them off. If you do forget something that is essential, for example, a packed lunch, we will have a box at the front of the school (with stickers and a pen). You should put a sticker on the item with your child's name and room number. The box will be checked regularly and items distributed throughout the day.

All of these measures are in place based on the guidance we have received to allow us to open the school safely. We are working very hard to keep your child safe and happy. Please do not put us in the very awkward and uncomfortable position of having to challenge anyone for not following the requests above. We need to work together to keep Calderwood open and our children in school.

Classrooms

2m Distancing

Children will be kept in their class 'bubbles' throughout the day. Children are not required to socially distance from each other, but staff must retain a 2m distance from pupils at all times. This is obviously not easy in the school environment, and masks will be worn by staff when this isn't possible (for example, comforting an upset child or administering First Aid). We would ask for your support with this by trying to ensure that children are able to be as independent as possible when they are in school. Please do not send them with laced shoes that they cannot tie on their own, or a jacket that they cannot get on and off, etc. We would also ask you to give some consideration to items in packed lunches that can be tricky to open (there will always be staff on-hand, but we are trying to minimise close contact whenever possible). Please note, that some staff members may opt to wear a mask or face covering at all times.

Ventilation

Classrooms will be ventilated throughout the day by windows being open periodically. Staff are aware of the need to balance the requirements for ventilation with the colder weather, and windows will not be left open all day if it results in the classroom being very cold, however, we would recommend that pupils bring a jumper or cardigan in case the classrooms are cooler than usual.

Outdoor Learning

We will be encouraging outdoor learning as often as possible, and we would therefore ask that you ensure children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

P.E.

P.E. days may be different than those before Christmas. Your child's class teacher will communicate these to you next week. Due to current restrictions, all P.E. sessions will continue to take place outdoors.

Room 14

Room 14's classroom has moved to the hall to give them additional space. Pupils will still enter and leave from the same door.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered as before. We have received updated guidance from South Lanarkshire Council which asks us to ensure classes stay in their bubbles over the course of the day. In order to meet this requirement, the playground will be split into different 'zones' for each class. Each class will be allocated time on the Trim Trail and in our new 'Den Building and Loose Parts' zone. All children will also have allocated seats in the canteen for lunchtimes.



Hygiene and Cleaning

We will continue to encourage good hygiene and establish hand-washing and sanitising routines (as we enter classrooms, before eating and drinking). Hand sanitiser is available in dispensers throughout the school. The school will continue to be cleaned regularly throughout the day, with a particular focus on high traffic areas and 'touch-points'.

Sickness/Symptoms

Please be aware of the three symptoms of Covid we are asked to look out for – a cough, temperature or loss of taste and/or smell. Please **do not** send your child to school if they display any of these symptoms. If a child becomes unwell over the course of the day, we will contact you and ask you to arrange for them to be collected as soon as possible. Children who show the above symptoms will wait in our Parents' Room (in the foyer area) so that they are not around other children whilst they are waiting to be collected.

Lateral Testing

All school staff have been provided with Lateral testing kits for Covid-19. We are self-testing twice a week.

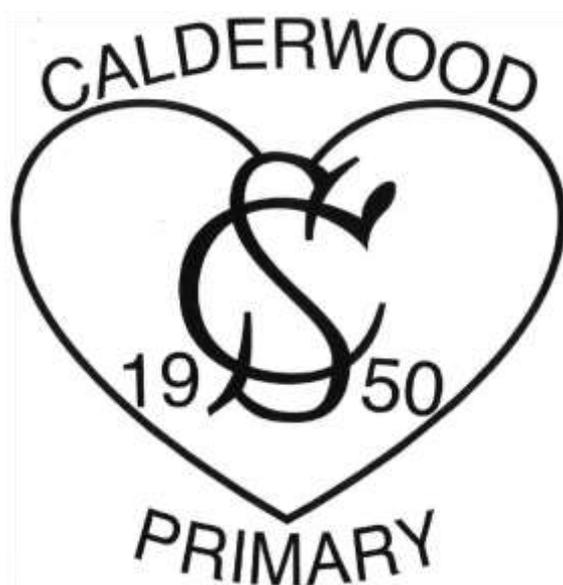
Classes and Timings

Group A

Room Number	Start Time	Playtime	Lunchtime	Pick Up Time
9, 10, 13 & 15	8.55am	10.10am	11.55am	2.55pm

Group B

Room Number	Start Time	Playtime	Lunchtime	Pick Up Time
7, 8, 11, 12 & 14	9.05am	10.30am	12.45pm	3.05pm



**Calderwood Primary School
Canteen Menu – Week Beginning 15th March 2021
Week 2 – Amended Menu**

Monday 15th March 2021	
Blue Tray	Chicken Curry
Red Tray	X
Green Tray	X
Yellow Tray	Vegetable Curry
Purple Tray	Tuna Baguette
Orange Tray	Cheese Baguette

Tuesday 16th March 2021	
Blue Tray	X
Red Tray	Sausage, Mash and Beans
Green Tray	Chicken Sandwich
Yellow Tray	Veg. Sausage, Mash and Beans
Purple Tray	Tuna Sandwich
Orange Tray	Cheese Sandwich

Wednesday 17th March 2021	
Blue Tray	X
Red Tray	Macaroni Cheese
Green Tray	Ham Sandwich
Yellow Tray	X
Purple Tray	Tuna Sandwich
Orange Tray	Cheese Sandwich

Thursday 18th March 2021	
Blue Tray	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Red Tray	X
Green Tray	Ham Baguette
Yellow Tray	X
Purple Tray	Tuna Baguette
Orange Tray	Cheese Baguette

Friday 19th March 2021	
Blue Tray	Fish Fingers and Chips
Red Tray	X
Green Tray	Tuna Pasta Pot
Yellow Tray	X
Purple Tray	Tuna Sandwich
Orange Tray	Cheese Sandwich

