



Calderwood Primary School

Information Update for Parents: August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and managed to enjoy the glorious weather. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our Calderwoodies back to school on Monday for the start of the new session. Following the information we sent out on Wednesday, initially, most of the safety measures we had in place in June will remain for at least the first six weeks of term.

As always, your support as parents and carers is vital. We all know that restrictions in the wider community have been greatly reduced and there is a growing sense of 'normality' in our day-to-day lives. Schools have been subject to specific guidance throughout the pandemic, and this remains the case due to the fact that education is a non-discretionary activity (i.e. families must send their child to school), where very large numbers of children and adults are coming together for extended periods of time. In order for us to continue to get back to some sense of 'normality' in school, it is essential that we continue to work together and adhere to guidance. **Please work with us to keep our school a safe and happy place for our children, staff and families.**

Structure of the School Day

We will continue to operate staggered start and finish times to minimise traffic around the school. Classes are split into two groups. Please see the table below for more information.

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

Primary 1 pupils should attend on Monday 16th August at the time specified in their Welcome Pack.

Start and End of Day

- Playground supervision begins at 8.45am and we will continue with our 'Toast and Go' provision this session.
- Any children with a later start time who arrive in the playground early should wait in the pitch area, which will be supervised by a member of staff.
- 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.
- Adults should continue to wear masks and adhere to social distancing measures in the playground.
- At the end of the day, the janitor will open the school gates at 2.50pm, and only when all classes who are using the playground have gone inside will parents/carers be permitted to access the playground. This is for the safety and protection of all pupils. We appreciate your support with this.

Visiting the School

- Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome parents, carers or visitors into our school building at the moment unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- If you need to speak to someone in the office or the Senior Leadership Team, please consider phoning in the first instance. If you must come into the school building, please remember that only **one** person is allowed in the 'bubble' at any one time and a mask must be worn.

Communication

- 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

- The zero tolerance policy towards symptoms of Covid 19 remains in place. 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 attend school.
- If a child displays symptoms in school, a member of the Senior Leadership Team or office staff will be alerted immediately and we will contact parents/carers to arrange for them to be collected. **It is imperative that any child displaying symptoms is collected from school as quickly as possible.**
- 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.

PE

- Indoor PE will be resuming this session. Each class will have one session of indoor PE and one session of outdoor PE each week. Your child's class teacher will provide further information next week.

Thank you, as always, for your support. I look forward to a productive, fun school session. We are forever hopeful that a return to our real 'normal' is on the horizon. I know we will embrace the challenges and opportunities of this new session in true Calderwood style – as a team!

Mrs Innes