



Education Resources
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Dear Parent

Structure of our School Day - Information for parents

We are looking forward to welcoming the children tomorrow and are excited to see how much they have grown and to hear about their summer holiday adventures. It will be lovely to see and talk with parents as you drop off and collect your children. With relaxation of some COVID-19 mitigations for schools, I wanted to share information about morning supervision, Breakfast Club, play time, lunch and end of day arrangements.

Morning Playground Supervision

Our 'drift into class' COVID-19 mitigation is continuing until the next Scottish Government review. This aims to minimise the number of adults in the area around the school gate. Children can arrive from 8:45am with an adult supervising each class. There will also be an adult presence in the playground from 8:45am, this will normally be Janice Scott (Janitor). I will also be in the playground before school whenever possible. Parents encouraged not to send children earlier than this as supervision is not available.

Breakfast Club - 8:15am to 8:45am

Our breakfast club is **FREE**. The menu includes a selection from cereal, toast, fresh fruit, milk and water.

Mrs Cairney and Mrs Richardson (School Support Assistants) will supervise our Breakfast Club. Children should arrive at the main entrance from 8:15am where they will be signed in. While mitigations around 'bubbles' have been relaxed, we will continue to record where children sit to support any NHS Contract Tracing.

All children will remain in the hall until 8:45am when they will be escorted to their classes. This supports our 'drift into class' COVID-19 mitigation.

Play Time

We are returning to one play time and have removed the 'zones'. This means children can play with their friends from other classes. This particularly supports those stages where children are split across different classes (currently P.4 and P.7). Our play time is 10:30am to 10:50am. Three adults will supervise the children. Mrs Cairney and Mrs Richardson will supervise every day with Mrs Paton and Mrs Sweeney (our new Team Leader) supervising on alternate days. I will also be spending time outside with the children whenever possible.

Lunch Provision - 12:15pm to 1pm

Pupils in Primary 4 will now receive a free lunch along with the pupils in Primary 1, 2 and 3. The cost of a school lunch for pupils in Primary 5, 6 and 7 is £1.95. All pupils (P.1-7) wishing to buy milk at lunchtime can purchase at a cost of 20p. This should be uploaded to your child's Parent Pay account.

A new menu is being introduced from Monday 23rd August 2021, I have attached a copy of the menu for this week to the App message and a link to the new menu on South Lanarkshire Council's website.

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We are moving to one lunch sitting for the whole school. This will be from 12:15pm to 1pm, including for children who are home lunches. Please call the office or send in a short note informing us if your child is going home for lunch, particularly where parents are permitting children to walk home themselves. Each class will continue to have assigned tables/seats to support contact tracing.

Our P.2/1 class will be served their lunch first however we are introducing a weekly rota with the classes having the opportunity to be served first.

Once the first few children have finished eating, 2 members of staff will take the first children finished outside with the other children joining them when they are ready. As our youngest children normally take longest to eat their lunch, initially, P.2/1 will go outside when the whole class is ready. I will continue to spend time with the children during lunch time whenever possible.

End of Day Arrangements

Until the next Scottish Government review, we are continuing with the staggered end to the school day. This is to minimise the number of adults around the school gate. It is essential that your child knows his/her end of day plan e.g. who is collecting them or if they are to walk alone. Please take time to discuss the plan with your child. Classes will be dismissed at the following times, with older siblings being dismissed with their young siblings:

- 2:45pm: P.2/1
- 2:50pm: P.4/3
- 2:55pm: P.6/5/4
- 3pm: P.7/6 and all children walking home alone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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