



Cargenbridge School Updates and information

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Mrs Watson says.....

Next week you will hear about **classes for next year**. As always there is a great deal of thought goes into allocating new classes and many factors are used to make this decision. Sometimes due to numbers in each stage, different ways to allocate classes can be more limited and we must also keep spaces at each stage of the school. After receiving the letter if you wish to discuss anything please contact the school.

Staffing for 2021/22

Mrs Law will still continue with us for PE one day a week and Ms Gorard will still be with us as Additional Support for Learning Teacher 2 days per week. Ms Hay, Mrs Garside and Mrs Patrick remain with us as Learning Assistants also. We welcome Mr Nordkil to the teaching staff. Miss Marchbank will join us and will work across all classes too. More information about other staffing in the classes letter. Mrs Vivek at the end of term starts her maternity leave and we wish her all the very best at this exciting time. I am sure you all wish her well.

A special good luck to our P7s who are able to attend a short session at their new Secondary Schools.

Plastic Bags

At the beginning of the week Monday 21st June can all children bring into school a plastic bag to start to take things home for the summer holidays. All going well we are planning on reintroducing school bags next year, which I know a lot of you will be pleased about.

Education Scotland Progress Report Letter

Last March we were inspected by Education Scotland. After a year a progress letter is issued to all parents identifying the progress we have made towards the recommendations. This will be emailed to you once we have received this from the Authority. Understandably this year Covid-19 has meant the pace and direction of our improvement journey has been not as planned. We are looking forward to carrying on with this next session when hopefully things will be more normal. Thank you.

Letter from Education Department about Leavers Events

For your information....

Our Council's Education and Learning department has been working for over a year to make our schools safe places for everyone to work and learn. Throughout this time, we have been interpreting the Scottish Government's guidance, establishing safe ways of working, undertaking risk assessments and putting in measures in our classrooms that allow all our teaching staff and pupils to learn safely every day.

We are now starting to experience the reduction of some restrictions within our daily lives. Within our school communities, we are also starting to see the return to some normal activities. However, we have a planned and cautious approach to ensure the safety of everyone.

There are still COVID-19 cases within a number of communities within Dumfries and Galloway. Some areas have been hit hard and just this week, we have experienced large numbers of pupils and staff having to self-isolate and return to online learning at this time. This has been a sharp reminder to us just of how quickly the virus can spread and impact our communities.

Therefore, the decision has been made (in conjunction with our partners and our Trade Union colleagues) that school leavers events and end of year celebrations will not go ahead this year. We know that this will be disappointing but we hope that you understand our position. Our priority has to be the safety of all our school communities. By removing the need for individuals to come together, we can reduce the opportunity for the virus to spread and in doing so, keep everyone safe.

We hopefully will be able to also update you by the end of this term what schools might look like after the holidays but due to the increase in Covid cases again and following guidance this may not be possible before the end of term. If this is the case we will contact you at the end of the holidays with details.