



## May Newsletter

Dear CDPS Family

### COVID Update

We are pleased to have moved into Level 2 and are able to enjoy some of the additional freedoms it brings. We are now able to welcome our partner agencies, wrap around care and external sports groups outdoors. We can also arrange visits within the local community. We will not be planning any trips out with Castle Douglas this term.

We are still following guidance on allowing other visitors into school. Please phone the school in the first instance if you need to discuss anything and your query will be dealt with. The class Gmail can also be used to contact a teacher, but you are unlikely to get an instant response if they are teaching.

We will be sticking to the current mitigations in place (face coverings for staff, lateral flow testing for staff, good hygiene, maintaining class bubbles and adhering to guidance on social distancing). Doing so will minimise the risk of outbreaks in school and allow pupils to learn continuously, without interruption.

If your child is unwell or displaying any of the COVID-19 symptoms, please continue to follow NHS advice. If in doubt, do not send your child to school and inform the school, by telephone, of the reason for their absence and likely return date. Please ensure that, if advised to self-isolate, your child does not return to school before the end of the 10 day period.

### Sharing Learning

A report summarising your child's progress over the session will be sent home on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June via school bag mail. Due to COVID restrictions we will be unable to have an open evening for interviews. If you want to discuss any aspect of the report please contact the school to arrange a telephone appointment.

### Sports Day

Unfortunately another well-loved event that we will lose to COVID. However, we have organised our own class events. There will be a competitive element to allow the children to win house points and we can have a winning house. There will also be some fun activities for the children to enjoy. We will be sending home some additional information on the app this week. This will take place week beginning the 31<sup>st</sup> May.

### School Rules

This term we have all been reviewing our school rules in line with our Positive Relationships Policy. The policy focuses on positive behaviour. Our school rules are **Ready, Respectful** and **Safe**. The children have developed new playground rules under the headings mentioned. A copy of the playground rules have been added to the end of this newsletter for your information.

### Parent Council

The subject of bullying in and out of school was recently discussed at the Parent Council meeting. It was agreed that this is an area for further discussion next session and that parents would like to know more about procedures and how the school deals with problems. Please be reassured that we deal with instances of bullying very seriously and that parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have any worries or concerns.

Next session we will also share with parents our inclusive and interdisciplinary approach to teaching children about social and emotional learning, communication and wellbeing.



Please do let us know of any Wider Achievement stories (events and activities children take part in out of school) and also any community news that we can share.



### **New Head Teacher visit**

Miss Davies, our new Headteacher will be visiting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May and the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Over the two days she will meet the staff and pupils, our Education Officer and members of the Parent Council. She will start officially after the summer holidays.

### **School Car Park**

A reminder that there should be no parking out with the designated bays. Also, nobody should be parking in the drop off zone. It is very difficult for the school to manage this without your support.

### **Holiday Dates**

The last day of term will be Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> June. The school will reopen for pupils on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

Thank you  
Caroline Carlyle  
Acting Headteacher

## Ready Respectful Safe

### **Playground rules**



#### **Ready**

- Make sure you line up when the bell rings

#### **Respectful**

- Play thoughtfully and kindly (no rough games)
- Put all litter in the bin
- Follow instructions from adults
- Be polite and considerate
- Keep off the grass in the winter

#### **Safe**

- Stay out of the flower beds and do not climb the trees
- Do not throw bark or sticks or stones
- Ball play is only allowed on the netball court or big pitch
- Please dismount bikes, scooters and skateboards at the school gate
- If you need any help – speak to an adult



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