



Cardenden Primary School

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Dates for your Diary ...



Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 August	Inservice Days – Closed to pupils
Wednesday 19 August	Children back to school
Sunday 30 August	Parent Council Colour Run
Monday 31 August 3pm – 5pm	Meet the Teacher

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED KEY DATES DOCUMENT WITH OVERVIEW OF SCHOOL YEAR

Cardenden Staffing 2026/27

P1	Miss Craig
P1/2	Mrs Smart
P2/3	Miss Cotterill
P4	Miss Roy and Miss Penman
P5	Mrs Sinclair
P6	Mrs Hepburn and Mrs Fleming
P7	Mrs Chapman and Mrs Bell
NCCT	Miss Penman and Mrs Bell
Support for Learning	Mrs Schofield and Miss Cunningham



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A message from Mrs Stewart ...

Welcome back to a new school year with lots of opportunities and exciting times ahead.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer break and managed to get outside and enjoy some of the sunshine and good weather.

There is quite a lot of information included in this newsletter to give you all the information you need to start the school year, plan ahead and know what you can do to support your child.

As always, if there is anything you need to know or if you have any questions or concerns, we are always here to help.

Promoting Good School Attendance



Impact of continuous absence from education

Attendance %	Days absent in a school year	School concern levels
95%	9 days (nearly 2 weeks)	Pupil can catch up and still succeed.
90%	19 days (1 month within school session)	Poor attendance - we are concerned.
85%	27 days (more than 5 school weeks)	Very poor attendance - we are very concerned.
80%	36 days (more than 7 school weeks)	Serious concerns.

Good attendance is important for children's learning and wellbeing. If your child is going to be absent, please let the school know by phone or email as soon as possible.

Attendance is monitored termly, and we will contact families when attendance falls below 90%. This is a supportive process, helping us work together to address any barriers and ensure your child gets the most from their education.





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SCHOOL UNIFORM at Cardenden

Following recent consultation, we will wear...

- BLACK BOTTOMS**
Trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores should be black.
- WHITE POLO SHIRTS OR SHIRTS**
White polo shirts or shirts.
- BOTTLE GREEN, JADE GREEN OR BLACK JUMPERS OR CARDIGANS**
Choose from bottle green, jade green or black.
- GREEN SUMMER DRESSES**
Green summer dresses can be worn in warmer weather.
- PE DAY**
Children should wear plain black bottoms (shorts or joggers) and a white T-shirt with a school coloured jumper.
- OUTDOOR LEARNING DAYS**
Pupils can wear what they wish.

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Check out affordable school uniform at Asda here:

[Green School Uniform - Green School Jumper | George at ASDA](#)

Order your School Hoodies here:

[Cardenden Primary School](#)

If you need help with school uniform, fill out the form here:

[Cardenden Primary School Uniform Request](#)

We have a renewed focus on school uniform this year and would ask all families to support this. Our school colours are black, jade green or bottle green, with white polo shirts or shirts.

We understand that purchasing uniform can sometimes be challenging and are happy to help. Families can access our pre-loved uniform stock at school or request new uniform through the order link above, which will be provided and sent home.

We also welcome donations of any good-quality uniform that is no longer needed.



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Remember At Cardenden Primary:
Everyone has the right to feel safe.
Everyone has the right to be included.
Everyone has the right to be respected.

Please see attached our Anti Bullying Parent and Pupil Friendly policy. Please take time to go through this with your child and remember to get in touch with us at school if you have any concerns.





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Communications

We value positive partnerships with our families and encourage open communication between home and school. Please refer to our Communication Policy, attached, which also outlines our complaints procedure.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, we ask that you speak with their class teacher in the first instance, as they know your child best and are often able to address issues quickly and effectively. We are committed to working together to ensure the best outcomes for every child.

Pastoral Notes

To help us maintain clear and accurate records of communication, staff may keep pastoral notes following conversations, meetings, telephone calls or significant communications with parents and carers. These notes are stored securely on SEEMiS or within our secure staff systems.

The purpose of pastoral notes is to ensure that information is recorded accurately, supports continuity between staff, and helps us provide the best possible support for children and families.

Parents and carers have the right to request access to information held about them or their child, including pastoral notes, at any time.

Seesaw

Please note we will not be using Seesaw until later in the term. More information will be shared with you when this is set up and ready to go.

Parent Council Colour Run

We hope you can join us for our first Parent Council event of the year – The Cardenden Colour Run.

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 11am

Come along with family and friends. There will be a live DJ and £1 ice cream cones for finishers. We are looking for a morning full of colour, fun and good vibes – the perfect way to start a new school year!

More information will come soon ...



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Cakes, Sweets and Treats in School

We kindly ask that families do not send cakes, sweets, chocolates or other food treats into school for birthdays or celebrations. In line with Fife Council guidance, we must ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children, including those with food allergies, intolerances and dietary requirements.

We know families enjoy celebrating special occasions, and we will continue to recognise birthdays and achievements in ways that are inclusive for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all pupils.

Meet the Teacher

Monday 31 August | 3:00pm to 5:00pm

We hope you can join us for our Meet the Teacher drop-in session at the end of the month. After collecting your child from their classroom as usual, please make your way to the main entrance for a short presentation in the hall. This gives staff an opportunity to prepare classrooms for visitors.

Following the presentation, families will have the chance to visit their child's classroom, meet the teacher, and explore the learning environment. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing how your child will learn and grow throughout the year.