



Blairdardie Primary School



21st August 2020

Dear parent/carer

Our Primary one children are quickly settling into school life and are busy learning routines, making new friends and learning other important information such as where the toilets are. They have coped well with lunchtimes and are enjoying spending time outdoors.

Next week we expect most primary one children to be in full time. Some children have slightly different arrangements to help them settle and I have already discussed this with parents.

We are continuing to stagger the start and end of the school day to maintain as much social distancing as possible. Your child's start and finish times will depend on which class they are in. I have detailed these below.

Miss Campbell's class (Primary 1a) - school day is 9.30 - 3.30

Miss Goldie's class (Primary 1b) - school day is 9.30 - 3.30

Miss MacGibbon's class (Primary 2/1) - school day is 9am - 3pm

Arriving at school

Please bring your child to school at the start time for their class. We would recommend you bring them to the gate on Kearn Avenue next week where staff will remind them about handwashing and help escort them to their classrooms. Once your child is more familiar with the school layout they can enter the playground by either gate.

If you have another child in school who has an earlier start or a later finish you can make use of our Sunrise/Sunset club which is there to support families who have siblings that may have different start and end times to the school day.

*Please note this is only for children who have siblings with different start and finish times.

Should you require child care for any other reason please check on the school website or contact the office for details of BOSS (Blairdardie Out of School Service) who provide an excellent service. This year due to Covid 19 it will have an outdoor focus.



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Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club will be available from 8am-9.30am, the cost of this is £2 per child per day. Children should enter via the main entrance and must be in school by 8.30am. They should wash their hands and then walk along to the dinner hall.

Attached is a letter from GCC to explain the temporary system for paying for breakfast club. Primary 1-4 continue to get a free school lunch.

Lunchtime

Please see the Fuelzone website or our Twitter account for next week's choices (week 3). Please discuss these choices with your child so that they are able to choose something that they will enjoy. Children can of course bring a packed lunch instead. A disposable bag rather than a lunch box is best for just now.

Home Time

Next week children can be picked up from their classroom door that leads onto the playground at their class finishing time. Please stand back from the door so that school staff can ensure there is someone there for each child. Please ensure you are on time for your child as children worry if there is no one there to collect them.

For everyone's safety please do not approach staff at home time. If you require to speak to staff please contact the office (0141 944 1462) who will be happy to arrange a call back or email. **Please ensure that you socially distance from other parents while you wait on your child.**

Personal belongings

Please ensure that all items belonging to your child are named. We have already had a number of 'lost' items and it is so much easier to return them to their owner if the item is named. This includes schoolbags, lunch bags, water bottles, both indoor and outdoor shoes, jackets and cardigans and sweatshirts. Once children start to change for PE it is important that PE kit and shirts are also named. This is particularly important this year to ensure that no items are lying around the school and that children are not using items belonging to others



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Communication

- We will continue to email you using Groupcall - please ensure that the office have the correct email address and phone number.
- If you have not yet handed in your child's enrolment form with contact details please do so asap.
- We will post information on our school Twitter, Vimeo and Website.
- You can email - headteacher@blairdardie-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

Please note that this letter as well as any other communication relating to starting Primary one is on our school website.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs A McCallum
Depute Headteacher



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Dear Parent/Carer

School Meals Payments Interim Arrangements

Introduction

Glasgow City Council is driven to reduce the exposure to cash handling in our establishments and during the academic session 2020/21, we will be introducing an online payment system in our schools for all purchases including trips, concert tickets, uniforms and school meals. However, as Glasgow has a substantial number of establishments, this will take some time to implement across the city.

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic, concerns around cash handling have been heightened and therefore, we will be making some changes to our meals payments processes.

Interim Procedures

We will be introducing interim measures to remove cash handling for the payment of school meals.

Please note that the free school meal and breakfast provision will revert to the pre lockdown eligibility criteria. <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning>

How payments will be made

From 17 August, schools **will not** accept cash for school meals and breakfasts. Payment will be by BACS transfer only. Payments will be made:

- in advance - parents can pay weekly/monthly/termly (see table of payment rates)
- by BACS transfer
- by the close of business on the Friday, for the following week
- using unique reference numbers per child (one for breakfasts and one for lunches)

What this means for parents

You must contact your child's school who will provide you with the unique reference number(s) for your child. These will be provided to you by email for clarity.

When making a payment, you must include your child's reference number. If you do not do so, the payment will not be traceable and cannot be allocated to your child.

Reference Numbers

Each child will have two unique reference numbers. One for breakfast payments and one for lunch payments. Each reference will consist of 13 characters. For example, 123**B**123456789 and



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123L123456789. If your child only has breakfast or lunch, you will only require the one appropriate reference number. If they have both breakfast and lunch, you will require both.

Please note that as this is an interim process, you will require to make separate payments for both breakfast and lunch for each child.

Payment Table

Lunches

Period	No of Days	Cost
1 week	5	£9.50
4 weeks	20	£38.00
To October Break	37	£70.30
Term 1	84	£159.60
Term 2	58	£110.20
Term 3	45	£85.50
Full Year	187	£355.30

Rate = £1.90 per day

Term 1 17 Aug - 22 Dec inc
 To October
 Break 17 Aug - 8 Oct inc
 Term 2 6 Jan - 1 Apr inc
 Term 3 19 Apr - 24 June inc

Breakfasts

Period	No of Days	Child 1 (£2)	Child 2 + (£1)
1 week	5	£10	£5
4 weeks	20	£40	£20
To October Break	37	£74	£37
Term 1	84	£168	£84
Term 2	58	£116	£58
Term 3	45	£90	£90
Full Year	187	£374	£187

Rate = Child 1 £2
 Child 2+ £1 per
 child

Please note that we are unable to accept cash for school meals and no refunds will be made for non-attendance.