



Blairdardie Primary School
Update for our New Primary One Children



August 2020

Dear parent/carer

I hope you and your family are keeping well and that you have managed to enjoy the summer break. Following the announcement from the Scottish Government that the arrangements for school have changed I am writing to you with an update on our plan for our new Primary one children. I realise that this is again a lot of information in one letter so apologies in advance!

Starting School – dates and times

To allow a smooth transition for your child we have planned to have our new primary one children in for a short period in the afternoon of either the 13th or 14th of August. This will allow the class teachers to spend valuable time with your child in a smaller group setting.

- Thursday 13th August (1.10 – 2.45) Group 1 only
- Friday 14th August (1.10 – 2.45) - Group 2 only

You will receive a text message to tell you what group your child is in.

During the second week back (wk beg 17th August) primary one children will attend from 9.30 with a phased finish of between 2.15 and 2.45. You may collect your child anytime during this half hour period.

We now have over 430 children and 40 staff and therefore we will stagger start and finish times to allow for social distancing. This will apply to our new primary one children from the week beginning 24th August.

Here are the staggered start/finish times for each class.

Start/Finish Time	Classes					
8.30am-2.30pm	P2a	P3a	P4a	P6	P7a	
9am-3pm	P2/1	P3b	P4/3	P5b	P7b	Zen Den
9.30am-3.30pm	P1a	P1b	P2b	P4b	P5a	P7/6

If you have 2 or more children in school – Please bring them all to school at your earliest child’s start time and collect them at the latest child’s home time.

Blended Learning

This is now Plan B and we may have to shift to the Blended Model of learning if there is an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases or a local flare-up. Teachers will ensure that children know how to access Google Classroom, where our online learning will be.



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Hand Washing Routine

Children and staff will wash their hands on arrival, before and after breaks/lunch. This is in addition to washing their hands after going to the toilet. Children can bring their own soap and hand cream into school if they have sensitive hands, this must be clearly labelled with their name.

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.

After School Care

After school care will run from August but will have an outdoor focus. Audrey, the manager will send information out to parents soon.

Arriving at School

- On your child's first day at school we would ask that one adult only attends with them. Staff will direct you as to which door to enter by from our playground. You and your child will be directed to wash your hands before proceeding to the class area.
- Children will walk to their room and hang up their jacket and bag in the cloakroom. Please assist your child to do this.
- Children will change into their indoor shoes. (Please ensure children can manage this on their own and that their name is inside each shoe)
- By the second week (by 17th August) we would ask that you still accompany your child into school as far as the cloakroom area.
- By the third week (by 24th August) children will be familiar with the routines and should be able to make their way into the school building on their own. Staff will support children in this.

In Class

- We have rearranged the furniture and have removed all soft furnishings.
- Each child will have their own tray with resources, rather than sharing.
- Children should leave personal belongings at home, no pencil cases please.
- Your child can bring a schoolbag if they wish and hang it on their peg.
- Once children are feeling settled, the main focus for our curriculum will be **Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing.**



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Playtime

- Children in primary one will eat their snack in class. They will wash their hands beforehand. They will then go into a designated area of the playground to play.
- Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for playtime e.g. fruit, cereal bar, baked crisps etc.
- We promote a 'one snack rule' and suggest plain water for drinking.
- We have a one way system in place for children travelling around the school and staff will support and remind children to use this.

Lunch Time

- There will only be 2 choices for lunch during the first few weeks.
- Children will be asked to choose their lunch at registration time, teachers will then give them a sticker with their choice of option 1 or option 2.
- Teachers will take their class to the dinner hall to collect their lunch, and then children will sit in their class groups in dinner hall.
- P1-4 are still entitled to a free school lunch.
- Children can bring a packed lunch if they prefer, a disposable bag rather than a lunch box might be better in August.
- Children will then go outside to play in a designated zone of the playground, supervised by support staff.

Home Time

- Primary one children will be dismissed from their classroom doors leading into the playground.
- When you arrive in the playground please approach your child's classroom door. Support staff will be watching for you and will ensure your child is brought to the door.
- **For everyone's safety please do not approach staff at home time**, if you require to speak to staff please contact the office who will be happy to arrange a call back or email. **0141 944 1462.**
- **Please ensure that you socially distance from other parents while you wait on your child.**

Uniform

- Please ensure that your child is wearing a white polo shirt or white shirt & tie and a school jumper/cardigan.
- Uniform can be ordered at www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com
- We have decided to relax the uniform this year to allow children to wear leggings/jogging bottoms, trousers or a skirt to school – this is due to the increase in the amount of outdoor learning we will be doing.



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- Waterproof jacket – children will be outside in all weathers, unless there is a weather warning.
- Indoor Shoes – Children must change into a pair of indoor gym shoes when they come in, we would recommend the black plimsolls with Velcro – these are hard wearing and inexpensive.
- PE Lessons – At the moment children will not change for PE lessons, all PE lessons will take place outside in August.
- Water bottle – please send your child to school with a full water bottle with their name on it.

Medical Conditions

- If your child has a medical condition please bring their medication to school on their first day and complete a medication form – the office staff will have a table outside the main entrance to collect medication. Please adhere to social distancing.
- If your child has a serious medical condition and you are unsure if they will return to school in August, please contact me so that we can agree a plan for home learning.

Communication

- We will continue to email you using Groupcall – please ensure that the office have the correct email address and phone number.
- We will post information on our school Twitter, Vimeo and Website.
- You can email me – headteacher@blairdardie-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

This is the updated plan for August, as I'm sure you can appreciate it is subject to change depending on the situation with Covid-19.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me, I am happy to discuss any concerns or suggestions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alison Pears

Head Teacher