



Elderbank Primary, Early Years, Supported Learning and Enhanced Deaf Provision

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Acceptance Respect Teamwork

August 2024 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to Elderbank and we are also pleased to welcome our new pupils to Elderbank. New pupils have joined the mainstream school, the Early Years, the Enhanced Deaf Provision and Supported Learning. We are grateful to all our pupils for being kind and welcoming.

Allergies

Please remember we are a nut free establishment. As we cannot determine the contents of chocolate spread, please do not send in any items for lunch with chocolate spread.

Lollipops

In the interest of safety, lollipops are not permitted in school. These are a choking hazard in the playground. We have explained this to all pupils as part of the assembly programme.

Pupil Attendance

We continue to support good pupil attendance. It is essential that children are at school every day and on time. Please remember to call the office before 9am if your child will be absent. If you have any concerns about attendance, please make contact with a member of the leadership team.

Entry and Exit Arrangements

We have issued detailed plans to ensure all children can enter and exit the school safely. Thank you to everyone who has supported the plans.

Pupils from P4M to P7 are being dismissed from the zig zag path gate towards the rear of the school. Please ensure your child is aware of where they should meet you or if they are to walk home.

Open Afternoon Opportunities

Attached to this newsletter is a list of Open Afternoon Dates for the Mainstream Classes and Early Years. Supported Learning classes will share the dates for each class shortly.

In response to parental feedback we will share a short Microsoft form to allow families to select the date which suits best instead of splitting the classes alphabetically. We will also offer short informal sessions on topics linked to parental feedback and our School Improvement Plan.

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Scooters and Bicycles in school grounds

Please remember that every child and adult must dismount from their bicycle or scooter on entering the school grounds and walk their bicycle and/or scooter to the bicycle shelter. This is to maintain the safety of everyone. There are no exceptions and staff in the grounds will provide reminders if required.



All children should wear a helmet



School Lunches

All children in Primary 1 to 5 are entitled to universal free school meals. There is not universal school meals in Primary 6 and Primary 7. Only families who have applied and are entitled to Free School Meals will receive them. If you pay for your child's school meal, please ensure there are sufficient funds in their account.

All children require to choose their school meal choice at home. Please log into your child's account and make their choice. If you have trouble with your account please contact the school office staff who will be happy to assist.

12:00 - 12:45	12:30 - 1:15
P1C, P1R, P2, P5/4, P6/5, P7/6, P7H	P3D, P3G, P4/3, P4, P5, P6, P7Y

We are delighted to have welcomed Mrs Jan Craig as our new Dining Hall Supervisor. She is looking forward to getting to know all of the children.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club operates each day from 08:10 - 09:00. Children should enter via the side door, by pressing the doorbell and a member of staff will let them in.

All pupils will be offered breakfast and have a chance for positive play. This is not a childcare facility. Mrs Bennison, Miss Patterson, Mrs Hope and Mrs Murray are our key Breakfast Club staff.

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that any mobile phone brought to school by a pupil **must** be switched off and given to the class teacher for safe keeping without exception. Children attending Breakfast club should also switch off their phone and give it to a member of staff for safe keeping during Breakfast club.



Parent Council

The Parent Council continues to support the work of the school on behalf of the parents and their families. They are always looking for new members and volunteers. The first meeting of this session is on Tuesday 10th September at 18:30 at Elderbank Primary. If you would like to become involved please call Terri Fallon in the school office on 01294-218632 on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.



Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome a number of new staff to Elderbank.

Early Years

Mrs Cook - Early Years Practitioner

Ms McDougall - Early Years Practitioner

Mrs Dorans - Early Years Assistant

Miss McDade - Early Years Assistant starting soon

Supported Learning

Mrs Barcock - Pupil Support Assistant

Mr Forrest - Pupil Support Assistant starting 9/9/24

Mainstream

Miss Hoy - P5/4 Class Teacher

Mrs McConnell - P6/5 Class Teacher

Miss Burns - Pupil Support Assistant

Miss Murphy - Pupil Support Assistant starting soon

Miss Ferguson who currently works in the office is moving on to a new venture in September. We wish her well.

Mrs Salmon our Nurture Practitioner, secured a new post over the holidays. We wish her every success for the future in her new post as an Area Inclusion Worker.

Dates for the Diary Term 1

Wednesday 18 th September	No Pens Wednesday
Friday 20 th September	Open Afternoon Mainstream P2-7*
Monday 23 rd September	School closed for pupils In-Service Day for staff
Thursday 26 th September	Primary 1C and Primary 1R Open Afternoon and MacMillan Tea Party 2:00p.m.
Friday 27 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning 09:30 - 11:30
Thursday 3 rd October	Early Years Stay and Play for parents and carers
Friday 4 th October	Open Afternoon Mainstream P2-7*
Friday 11 th October	School and Early Years closes at 3p.m.
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th October	October Holiday
Monday 21 st October	School and Early Years re-open

*Parents and carers choose one Open Afternoon



School Uniform

It is lovely to see pupils return to school in their school uniform. This makes identification of our pupils easier and provides a sense of belonging. As you are aware we have worked hard to minimise logo items and we have selected colours which are readily accessible in local shops.



The uniform is pictured above. Black cardigans and jumpers are **not** part of the school uniform.

If you have any queries please direct these to the leadership team who will be happy to help.



Lost Property

Our children at Elderbank amaze us every day with the skills they have learned and developed. However, one amazing skill they all need to work on is taking responsibility for their belongings. To help your child please label every item of clothing and any packed lunch boxes and water bottles. Please also remind your child to think about where they have left an item, perhaps at break time and remind them that they must always collect items.

Any items of lost property will be brought to the area outside the janitor's office. Unfortunately due to a reduction in support staff this session, we do not have staff available to accompany children back to class if they forget something. Any forgotten item in class will be collected the next day.

Elderbank contact details



Main Office between 08.30 and 15.30

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REMINDER: Please return all Data check forms, EV5 forms and Photo Permission forms no later than Friday 30th August.

