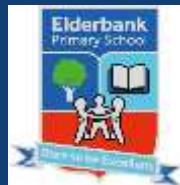


WELCOME BACK

A New School Year at Elderbank

Important information for parents and carers



Thursday 20 August 2026

Primary 2–7: school begins at 9:00 a.m. — not 8:50 a.m.

New Primary 1 pupils: school begins at 10:00 a.m.

A separate sheet explaining entry and exit arrangements is attached.

A Warm Welcome

We are looking forward to welcoming all children and families back to Elderbank and to the year ahead. The Leadership Team will be at the entry doors each day to welcome children and answer any questions.

Supported Learning — 8:45 a.m. Start

Supported Learning begins at 8:45 a.m. Entrance doors for other pupils have deliberately been located away from this area.

To ensure the safe entry of all Supported Learning pupils, we ask mainstream parents and carers not to congregate around the main office before 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping us keep arrival calm and safe.

Early Years — From 8:00 a.m.

Early Years opens from 8:00 a.m. All parents and carers have been provided with their child's individual attendance pattern. Miss Gilfillan and her team will provide any further information on a one-to-one basis.

Travel, Parking and Safe Arrival

No parent or carer parking in the school car park

Designated disabled bays are available after 8:55 a.m. for mainstream pupils. Separate arrangements have already been shared with Supported Learning parents and carers.

Please park and stride, or use the drop-off lane from 8:50 a.m. The drop-off lane is for dropping children off only; there is no parking in this lane. Please follow staff directions and keep entrances, disabled bays and access routes clear.

Uniform and Personal Belongings

Please label every item of clothing, including both shoes, with your child's name and class. We can only realistically reunite lost or misplaced items with their owners when they are clearly named. Please also label school bags and lunch boxes, as many children have identical or similar items.

School Meals

Free school meals are available for all children in Primary 1–5 and to pupils in Primary 6 and Primary 7 whose parents or carers have successfully applied for free school meals. If your child is in Primary 6 or Primary 7 and pays for lunch, please add funds to the iPayimpact account before Thursday 20 August.

Parents Portal

Please ensure that you sign up for Parents Portal. A reminder letter is attached. If you need assistance, contact the school office after 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday 19 August.

Medication — Wednesday 19 August

Office drop-off times

11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. or 2:15–3:15 p.m.

If your child needs medication to be kept in school, please bring it to the school office and complete the relevant forms during one of the times above. Please attend only at these times, as staff will be involved in training and will be unable to assist at other times.

Changed Contact Details

If any contact details have changed, please come into school after 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday 19 August and complete a change-of-details form. Accurate contact information helps us reach you quickly when needed.

Before Thursday — Quick Checklist

- Read the separate entry and exit arrangements sheet.
- Check that every item of uniform, both shoes, school bags and lunch boxes are labelled.
- Top up iPayimpact if your Primary 6 or Primary 7 child pays for lunch.
- Sign up for Parents Portal or contact the school office for assistance.
- Bring required medication and complete forms during the stated office times.
- Update the school if your address, telephone number, email or emergency contacts have changed.
- Plan to park and stride, or use the drop-off lane without parking.

Thank you

Your support with these arrangements helps every child begin the new school year safely, calmly and positively.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back!

