



Cumbernauld Primary School

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VISION In our school we aim to provide a secure, stimulating environment where, each child feels included and their individual abilities, skills and talents are fully developed.

Welcome to all of our new and returning families. This session, we are looking forward to new opportunities and experiences to further develop our love of learning, skills and knowledge. It has been a pleasure to welcome our new P1 children into our school community, and I look forward to getting to know them. In all classes, there will be a strong focus on literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing following a period of significant school closure. Your child's class teacher will be completing a range of assessment tasks and will use this information to inform their next steps in learning.

Our first newsletter always contains some important reminders of procedures, which are necessary to comply with health and safety regulations and to ensure the smooth running in the administration of the school.

Last session, all parents (P2-P7) completed an 'ICT Acceptable Use Policy and Permission' form- indicating whether you gave permission for your child's photograph to appear on the school website. We have a note of your returns. If you have changed your permission please contact the school office.

SCHOOL STAFF AND CLASSES (August 2020)

Head Teacher- Mr E Clinton

Depute Head Teacher- Mrs J Hart

Principal Teacher- Mrs E Gillespie

Principal Teacher- Mrs J Kinnear

P1a- Mrs L Wares

P1b- Mrs R Canning and Mrs K Steven

P2a- Mrs J Kinnear (PT)

P2b- Miss E Richmnd

P2/3- Mrs N Simmonette

P3- Mrs C Allison

P3/4- Miss L White

P4- Mrs H Kerr

P4/5- Mrs D Cardle and Mrs F Gilooly

P5a- Miss K Theobold

P5b- Mrs R Curran

P6- Mrs E Gillespie (PT)

P6/7- Mrs L Coutts and Mr G Horner

P7a- Mrs D Brett

P7b- Mrs A Ogilvie

Teacher's non-class contact cover-

* As you may remember, all teachers are allocated time out of class – up to 2 ½ hours per week for preparation and marking. At present this is being covered by:

Mrs C Craig, Mrs L Dobbie, and Miss M Rafferty

Senior Clerical Assistant- Mrs E Marshall

Clerical Assistant- Mrs S Cassidy

Classroom Assistant- Mrs M Kiernan

Additional Support Needs Assistants- Mrs S Cooper, Mrs L Lynas, Mrs C Nightingale and Mrs A Nimmo

Janitor- Mr P Gibb

Breakfast Supervisor- Mrs AM Tonner

Lunchtime Supervisors- Mrs A Brown and Mrs AM Tonner

KEY SAFETY INFORMATION

- Scottish Government guidance sets out that pupils do not routinely require to wear face coverings. However, should pupils wish to do so, they will not be discouraged from doing so.
- Staff will not require to wear face coverings provided distance can be maintained from pupils, however they may choose to do so. Where that is not possible, and staff are closer than two metres for 15 minutes or more, staff will wear face coverings. Staff will wear appropriate personal protective equipment where required by the risk assessment.
- Scottish Government guidance states that school transport should be treated as an extension of school, ie, that no physical distancing is required. Parents may wish to encourage children to walk or cycle to school in keeping with active travel.
- It's very important that nobody- staff or pupil attends school if they have any of the symptoms of coronavirus. (a new cough, a fever or a change in or loss of taste or smell) If you have any symptoms you must immediately self-isolate and book a test via the NHS Inform website. You must also inform the school immediately if you have symptoms and of the result of any test.

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFE GUARDING MATTERS

Protecting children and young people is everyone's job. If you have any concerns about a child's wellbeing, at Cumbernauld Primary, please contact Ed Clinton, Head Teacher on 01236 632110. Any concerns should be reported to Jenny Hart, Depute Head Teacher, in his absence.

The telephone number for Cumbernauld Social Work is 01236 638700.
Social Work Emergency Services can be contacted on 0800 121 4114.

BEST START GRANT

The Best Start Grant School Age Payment is a £250 payment around the time a child normally starts Primary 1.

It is open to people who receive certain benefits or tax credits and are a parent or carer of a child born between 1 March 2015 and 29 February 2016.

You are encouraged to apply online at mygov.scot/beststart.

Those who cannot access their online service, can speak to a Client Adviser by calling 0800 182 2222.

PARENT COUNCIL MATTERS

Our office bearers will meet virtually with me on Wednesday 2 September 2020 for the first meeting of the new session. This is in line with current guidance from the council. Check out (Cumbernauld PS Official Parent Forum) on Facebook for all of the latest information and on how to get involved in supporting our school.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

If your child has a medical condition, which requires them to have medication at school, **please contact the school office for the necessary consent forms. This must be completed by the parent/guardian. All medicines should be in date and be properly labelled with the child's name and pharmacy instructions.** We have more and more children each year with asthma, and allergies, which means we need to have a good system to deal with the management of the administration of medications throughout a school day. **Please note that all inhalers are kept with your child's teacher in their class.** This means that children can access their inhaler more readily when required.

Can I please remind you that no medication (prescribed or non-prescribed) can be either administered or given voluntarily to your child by school staff without your prior written agreement.

NUT FREE ZONE

We have a number of children with allergies to nuts across the joint campus. It is essential that no nut products including food like Nutella are brought into school. Some chocolate bars also contain nuts and I would be very grateful if you could check what you give your child for snacks and packed lunches.

If your child has a medically confirmed allergy to nuts or any other food type you must inform us immediately and provide us with an **Anaphylaxis** or **Allergy Action Plan** from your doctor / hospital and the appropriate medication.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Parents of children with food allergies who wish a school meal must contact the school office to request a medical diet form. This form should be completed by the child's dietician and sent to catering services who will arrange for special meals should they be required.

In addition, if your child has asthma we need an **Asthma Action Plan**.

HEAD LICE

Please remember to check your child's head on a regular basis for any signs of infection. The school can no longer inform parents of any outbreaks of head lice. Advice given by the school nurse is that checks should be made on a weekly/fortnightly basis. If a child has head lice, they should be treated before returning to school. Please seek advice from your local Pharmacist or G.P about which treatments are most effective. Further information is available from www.onceaweektakeapeek.com.

MOBILE PHONES

We ask that mobile phones are left at home, but understand that for older pupils this is required for communication. If you allow your child to bring a mobile phone to school you should remind them that it must remain switched off throughout the day. Pupils have been reminded that all mobile phones should be switched off at the school gates on entering the premises and switched on after exiting the school grounds. They must not be used to photograph or film anyone in school. Please be aware that children who do not follow these rules may have their phones taken from them and returned to their parents by a member of the management team. The school office phone should be used if a child requires to make contact with a parent or carer during the school day. Please note the school is not responsible for mobile phones and pupils bring them to school at their own risk.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast will be served in the hall each morning between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m to primary school pupils only. It will be staffed by our breakfast supervisors and catering staff. Please note there will be no adult supervision in the playground before 8:15am. Children will be served a bowl of cereal with milk, a slice of toast with spread and some fruit juice and the choice of fresh fruit. The cost of this to all P1-P7 children are as follows:

One child £1, 2 children £1.50, 3 children £1.80, and 4 children £2.10

Children in receipt of free school meal entitlement will not have to pay but if you know that your child is in receipt of this but you have not applied for it because they are in P1-P3 then you will need to go to the One Stop Shop and make a free school meal application.

LOST PROPERTY

Teachers will continue to remind all children to gather their belongings at the end of each day, but parents and carers can assist by ensuring that names are on all items of clothing/property and by encouraging your child to take responsibility for his or her belongings. There is a lost property area at the front of the school. Unclaimed and items without names will be cleared out periodically and donated to charity. Our aim is to keep our school as tidy as possible and create a safe and pleasant learning environment.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Current government guidance indicates that parents and carers should not enter the school building or grounds. Should you need to contact the school you can do so by telephone or email. (t) 01236 632110 (e) enquiries@cumbernauld-pri.n-lanark.sch.uk

I enclose with this newsletter:

- School Holiday Arrangements for Session 2020/21

Please feel free to get in touch should you need clarification on any item included in our newsletter.

With renewed best wishes,

E CLINTON

Head Teacher

Cumbernauld Primary School Holiday Dates 2020/21

August 2020

In-service day: Tuesday 11th August 2020

All pupils return to school: Friday 14th August 2020

September 2020

In-service day: Thursday 24th September 2020

September weekend holidays: Friday 25 September 2020 and Monday 28 September 2019

October 2020

October break: Monday 12 October 2020 to Friday 16 October 2020 (inclusive)

November 2020

In-service day: Monday 16 November 2020

December 2020 - January 2021

Christmas and New Year holidays: Wednesday 23 December 2020 to Tuesday 5 January 2021 (inclusive) **Please note that the school will close at 2.30pm on Tuesday 22 December 2020**

February 2021

Mid-term break: Monday 8 February 2021 and Tuesday 9 February 2021

In-service day: Wednesday 10 February 2021

April 2021

Spring break: Friday 2 April 2021 to Friday 16 April 2021 (inclusive)*Good Friday 2 April 2021 and Easter Monday 5 April 2021. **Please note that the school will close at 2.30pm on Thursday 1st April 2021**

May 2021

May day holiday: Monday 3 May 2021

In-service day: Thursday 6 May 2021

May weekend holiday: Friday 28 and Monday 31 May 2021.

June 2021

School closes Thursday 24 June 2021 **Please note that the school will close at 1pm.**