



Education Resources
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Dear Parents/Carers

We very much look forward to welcoming the children back to school in the coming days, especially our new pupils! Staff have been busy in school preparing for the return of all children on Wednesday. This year in addition to Mrs Straiton and Mrs Wallace, we have Mrs Cardwell who knows our school very well and Ms Watson who has already worked with our school through projects with the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET) and the Young Farmers.

Wednesday 16th August

On Wednesday morning P2-7 pupils should enter the side gate to the back playground as usual where they will be able to play with their friends until the bell rings at 9am or go breakfast club from 8.15 am. Miss Kralik is always present in the playground should your children require any support coming into the playground.

New Primary 1 children should arrive at school for 9am and enter via the front door. Mrs Wallace and Mrs Forrest will be waiting at the front door to welcome our new Primary 1 children and will then escort them to the classroom to join the class teacher and the P2/3 children.

At the end of the school day pupils on school transport will be supervised getting onto the bus. Parents who are collecting pupils should enter the back playground via the gate at the right hand side of the school at 3pm. All pupils being collected by parents will leave their classes via the playground.

Below is a reminder of the teachers your children will be working with this session:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am	P1-3 Mrs Straiton	P1-3 Mrs Wallace	P1-3 Mrs Wallace	P1-3 Mrs Wallace	P1-3 Mrs Wallace
pm	P1-3 Mrs Straiton	P1-3 Mrs Wallace	P1-3 Mrs Wallace	P1-3 Mrs Wallace	P1-3 Mrs Wallace/ Mrs Cardwell

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am	P4-7 Ms Watson	P4-7 Ms Watson	P4-7 Ms Watson	P4-7 Mrs Cardwell	P4-7 Mrs Cardwell
pm	P4-7 Ms Watson	P4-7 Ms Watson	P4-7 Ms Watson	P4-7 Mrs Cardwell	P4-7 Mrs Straiton

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PE/Forest

PE will take place outdoors and indoors depending on weather conditions. This year we will return to pupils changing for gym in school, this is an important independence skill – especially for our younger pupils. PE kits can be left in school and staff will send them home at the end of term or when they feel it needs a wash. School uniform should be worn every day. **P.E days will be Mondays and Wednesdays for both classes.**

We will continue to visit the forest and Moss regularly and plan to include more outdoor learning experiences across all curricular areas. This year our **forest sessions will be on Thursday afternoons.** Pupils will need waterproof coats/ trousers / shoes or boots.

Pupils should have a pair of indoor shoes that are kept in school to wear in class. A lot of learning, particularly in the younger class, may be done in groups on the floor and through play based or active learning activities, so it is really important that our learning environments are as clean and hygienic as possible.

Pre-loved uniform

If you are short of any uniform items we have a selection of pre-loved uniform available. Kirsty Holt is very kindly organising this for the school, she can be contacted directly or through the school. If you require any more information please do not hesitate to contact Kirsty or myself at the school.

Lunches & snacks

All p1-5 pupils are entitled to a free lunch in school, we will be continuing with the summer menu for the first couple of weeks, the new menu starts on the 28th August, this will be distributed to pupils and posted on the school app. You can also find details on the South Lanarkshire Council Website <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/primary-menu> .

Pupils should bring a snack with them but a reminder that **snacks or packed lunches should not include nuts!**

South Lanarkshire Council aims to provide school meals for every pupil. We acknowledge that there are pupils who require adapted dietary requirements for food allergies and intolerances: medically prescribed diets. **In order to assist us with your child's needs, a letter from your dietician or Doctor is essential for medical dietary requirements.** If you require a dietary requirements registration form, please contact the school office.

Stationery

We know most pupils will want to have their own pencil case with shiny new things but please remember that we have everything available in here that pupils will need for their school work. So don't worry about spending too much on these items!

Communication

The school currently use the school app for day to day communication, however, we will be moving to the South Lanarkshire Parent Portal by the end of September. To reduce paper costs and be more sustainable, South Lanarkshire Council want schools to be as paper free as possible. All communication from primary and secondary schools will now be sent through the parent portal. This will include signing up for trips and clubs throughout the school year. If you are not already signed up Mrs Forrest in the office will be happy to help you.

There will be a weekly newsletter which will be posted on the School App and Parent Portal on a Friday with key information and dates for the weeks ahead.

We can also be contacted by phone or email if you have any questions.

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Absence

If your pupil has to be absent for any reason please inform the school by phone (there is an option to leave a message when you phone the office (01555 811252), or email office@braehead-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk . In line with South Lanarkshire policy if we have not been notified, we will contact you and /or your emergency contacts to ensure the wellbeing of the pupils. https://intranet.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/2501/management_of_un-notified_pupil_absence

Days in Braehead

This is my planned work pattern but I'm sure you will understand that there will be times when this needs to be flexible!

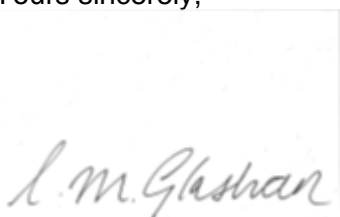
Monday	Carmichael
Tuesday	Braehead
Wednesday	Carmichael
Thursday	Braehead
Friday	Braehead/Carmichael alternate weeks

Please remember I can be contacted at Carmichael when I am not in Braehead by emailing me as normal on headteacher@braehead-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk or by calling 01555 800216. Mrs Straiton or Mrs Wallace will always be available if I am not in the school building, however, they may not be able to respond immediately if they are in class.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to phone the school or contact me at the above email address.

We very much look forward to working with you and your children over the coming session.

Yours sincerely,



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