

# The Calderwood Chronicle

## Issue Date: 20/08/2021



## Welcome to Calderwood Primary

I am proud to announce that we have successfully completed our first week as Calderwood Primary!

First of all, a huge thank you to our families for being so organised and patient as we navigated our way through this week. The kindness from our Calderwood community has been truly overwhelming. We have received so many messages of thanks, and it is heart-warming to hear that your children have all settled in so well.

Your children have been an absolute credit to you! Our champions have all commented on their beautiful manners and their fantastic resilience. Everyone has quickly adapted to life in their new clan, and it feels like we have always been together! A special well done to our Primary 1 children- they have been amazing this week!

A huge thank you to all of our champions who have gone above and beyond this week to ensure our children are all happy and safe in their new environments. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and caring staff team.

I am very excited about this journey we are on together.

Warm regards,  
MISS BURTON

### School Lunches

All children in Primary 1-4 can receive a free school lunch. The cost for a school lunch in Primary 5-7 is £2.26. **Usually, you will order and pay for their lunch through iPay. Until this system is set up, children can order their lunch in class in the morning.** The payment will be charged to your iPay account once we are up and running. [You can find the lunch menu here.](#)

### Milk

[Please complete this form](#) if you would like your child to receive school milk. Payment will be organised through iPay once we have it up and running.

17/08/21 - 08/10/21 - £7.40



### Medical

This week we have checked in with those families who completed the medical form stating their child needed medication at school. If you have been issued with a form, please ensure you return this as soon as possible.

If your child has a medical condition or a food allergy and you have not completed the online form, it is

### Capturing Calderwood – Week 1

It has been a week like no other... our first week together as a Calderwood family.

As we build our future and create our history; stop, reflect, and capture this moment. <https://forms.office.com/r/K7YP7TmHdU>

### Calderwood Couture

It is fantastic to see all of our children in our Calderwood Couture. Thank you so much for being so organised. Please ensure all pieces of clothing are labelled. A reminder of the different options are on our Sway:

<https://sway.office.com/eBiBcy6OrweTDSdO>

### Diary Dates

03/09/2021 – Dress Down Day 1- Suggested donation £1 (proceeds go to school funds)  
08/09/2021 – 09/09/2021 (Evening) – Meet our Champions – Virtual Event  
17/09/2021 - Dress Down Day 2- Suggested donation £1 (proceeds go to school funds)  
20/09/2021 – 21/09/2021 – School Closed for September Break  
**22/09/2021 – First Day at Calderwood Primary**  
29/09/2021 – 30/09/2021 (Evening) – Champion/ Parent Consultations  
11/10/2021 – 15/10/2021 – School Closed – October Holidays  
**18/10/2021 – Nursery Opens**  
08/11/2021 – School & Nursery Photos – Individual & family photos  
17/11/2021 – Flu Spray

\*Some dates may be subject to change

### Calderwood Connects Challenge

It was an emotional moment as our clans joined together for the first time!

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/2021/08/20/calderwood-connects-week-1/>

## Capturing Calderwood ~ Actions

- **Buses:**
  - The bus times were negotiated and agreed before the summer holidays. There were a lot of factors discussed and the times allocated also support the Mid Calder start of the day.
  - If families require earlier childcare, you can drop your child off at Breakfast Club at 8:10am at both schools. The numbers for Breakfast Club have grown over the week.
  - The timings we have are those provided by the bus company. Our bus champions will time the stops on Monday, and we will send out revised times.
  - Unfortunately, it is not possible to send a Groupcall every day, but we will send a Groupcall out if the bus is late or if there is an issue.
- **Communicating learning:**
  - We understand that the move into Primary 1 is different from nursery in terms of not having a hand over at the end of every day. We will look at how we can use Seesaw in a manageable way to support this transition.
  - Our clans have blogged about their first week and you can see the updates here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood/>. You can also see some Tweets here: [@Calderwood\\_Pri](#)
  - We have been waiting on some photographic permission forms being returned and we think we have them all now, thank you.
  - Thank you for recognising that the priority this week was to ensure your children are happy and safe. We will be working on our profiling strategy with you. Profiling is how we record our children's learning journey, and we will look at how we can develop opportunities for sharing it with you.
  - Information that parents/carers need to know will now be sent via groupcall. Information about clans and learning will be on our blog or twitter.
  - Home learning (homework) will start after September weekend.
- **Play in Bramble and Bluebell:**
  - We value the importance of play across all stages. Unfortunately, we are still waiting on some of our deliveries coming in, but it is something we are working on.
- **School day:**
  - A suggestion of a 10 minute break in the afternoon (whilst we have buses) for our younger classes is a great idea! Some of our classes have been using the outside area for this already, but I will discuss this with our champions.
  - Suggestion that parent/carers wear masks in the playground and at the bus stops.
  - Suggestion that playground champions wear high vis jackets- we have these on order.

### Absences

#### East Calder @ Calderwood

Please phone 01506 280060 or email [wlcalderswood-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wlcalderswood-ps@westlothian.org.uk) by 9:20am on the day of absence.

If you call outwith office hours, please leave a voicemail.

A failure to report a child's absence results in you receiving a group call text initially, and then is escalated through the council's safe arrivals policy.

#### Mid Calder @ Calderwood

Please phone 01506 280061 or email [wlcalderswood-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wlcalderswood-ps@westlothian.org.uk) by 9:30am on the day of absence.

If you call outwith office hours, please leave a voicemail.

A failure to report a child's absence results in you receiving a group call text initially, and then is escalated through the council's safe arrivals policy.

### Covid 19 Guidelines

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/back-to-school>

We advise those families collecting children from Mid Calder and East Calder playgrounds to wear a mask. You might also want to consider wearing a mask at the bus stops if there are large groups of adults.

## Communication

- Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/calderwood>
- Twitter: [https://twitter.com/Calderwood\\_Pri](https://twitter.com/Calderwood_Pri)
- School office: [wlcalderswood-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wlcalderswood-ps@westlothian.org.uk)
- School Office numbers:

#### Calderwood @ East Calder: 01506 280060

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am- 1:45pm

Friday: 8:30am – 9:20am

In case of an emergency when the East Calder office is closed, please contact Calderwood at the Mid Calder office.

#### Calderwood @ Mid Calder: 01506 280061

Monday – Thursday: 8:20am - 4:10pm

Friday: 8:20am – 1:00pm