



Cardonald Primary School



August 2026 Newsletter

Welcome Back

We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer and are returning ready for the year ahead. It's lovely to welcome back all our families and to welcome those who are new to our school community.

As we begin this new school year, let's carry our school values with us in all that we do. Approach each day with **positivity**, even when things feel challenging. Work together with **cooperation**, helping one another learn and grow. Build **friendships** by being kind, inclusive, and supportive to everyone. Above all, let's treat everyone with **respect**—listening, understanding, and appreciating each other's differences.

This school year is a fresh start and a chance to shine. We're excited to see all the amazing things we all achieve this year!

Here's to a happy, successful, and value-filled school year.



Find out more about our school on our website:

<http://www.cardonald-pri.glasgow.sch.uk/>



and follow us on bluesky -
[@cardonaldps.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/cardonaldps.bsky.social)

More details on our Curriculum Rationale can be found [here](#).

[Click here to read our school handbook.](#)

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Positivity

Friendship

Respect

Cooperation



Our August newsletter always contains several important reminders and information for the year ahead. Please take time to read over the information carefully and contact the school or visit our school website if you require any further information.

Staffing

Our staff list can be found on our website - [staff](#)

P5 are starting the term with Mrs Heaney. We hope to welcome Miss Black to Cardonald soon.

Mr Coogan plans to return before the end of August, and we are all looking forward to welcoming him back.

Mrs Seils, one of our clerical assistants, is currently absent. This leaves Mrs Raynal in on her own in the school office. We appreciate your understanding at this time as phone calls may not be immediately answered.

Mrs King is currently absent, and we hope to welcome her back soon.

Main contacts for this school session are:

P1 – 4: Mrs Waddell, DHT

P5, P6/5 and P5/4: Miss Mohd, DHT

P6, P7/6a and P7/6b: Mrs Strang and Mrs King

Additional Support Needs: Mrs Waddell

Dyslexia: Mrs King

Attendance



You have a legal requirement to ensure your child is attending school on a regular basis. Attendance under 90% disrupts children's learning. We continue to focus on improving attendance at Cardonald.

	2022 - 23	2023 - 24	2024 - 25	2025 - 26
Attendance	91.1%	91.6%	93%	92.5%

We understand there are times when absence is unavoidable. Please refer to the latest guidance below or contact your GP / local pharmacy if you are unsure.

Should I keep my child off school or childcare?

✓ Yes	
Illness	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the advice on NHS inform if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or childcare know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Head lice	Threadworms
Glandular fever	Tonsillitis	Slapped cheek

Parents and carers can find further health advice on nhsinform.scot

Advice and guidance

To find out more, scan the QR code or visit publichealthscotland.scot/hpcyp



Reporting absence

If your child is absent, you have a parental responsibility to inform the school by 9.30am via

Pupil Absence Reporting Line on 0141 287 0039

If your child is going to be absent please call the 'Absence Reporting Line'. If the reason for absence is personal or you feel the school requires more information about the absence please call the school directly. If you have not made contact, the school will try to contact you via text. If the school is unable to contact you, child protection procedures will be put in place to ensure the safety of your child. Your child's safety and well-being is our priority. We appreciate your support with this matter.

You can now also report absence via an online form. Please read the form on the next page for a detailed explanation of this.

This is the link for the online form:

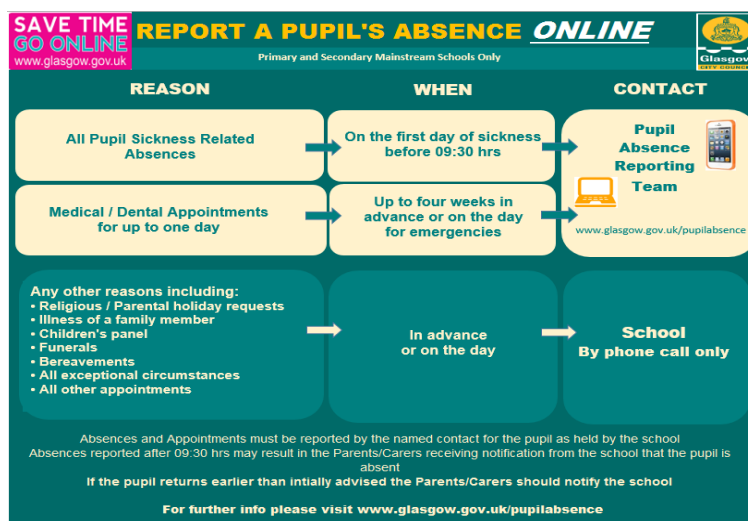
<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence>

If a child is persistently absent or late this matter will be investigated and appropriate action taken.



Appointments

If your child is required to attend an appointment during school time please inform the school office.



Remember school begins at 9.00am.

Support your child to be on time. Late-coming disrupts learning.

Groupcall

We use Groupcall to send school information. This service is a valuable cost saving tool for the school to help keep you informed and relies on parents keeping their contact information up to date with the school. The Xpressions app in particular allows us to send information letters and attachments, reducing paper and is free of charge to the user. We would encourage you to **download the app by accessing** <http://parents.groupcall.com/>

If you do not have the app, information will be sent via email to the main contact recorded on the schools SEEMIS system.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is provided by Glasgow City Council catering staff between 8.00-8.45am every morning in the school dining hall. Breakfast Club costs £2 for your first child and £1 thereafter for any additional children you have. You do not need to book into breakfast.



Healthy Snacks

Please ensure your child has a healthy snack and lunch. Children will not be allowed to have more than 1 snack at playtime. Encourage your child to make healthy choices for snacks. Remember **no fizzy** drinks or chewing gum please!

Pupils are also encouraged to drink plain water in the classroom to keep hydrated.

Juice or flavoured water is not allowed in the classroom. This can be brought to then have at lunchtime.



Nuts are not permitted in school as we have some children who have severe allergies to this type of food. Your support and understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Lunch

Lunch is free for P1-6 pupils and £1.90 for those in P7 who pay for lunch.

Please choose your child's lunch in advance via parent pay. Orders cannot be place after 8am. You can pre-order 4 weeks in advance. This allows the lunch hall to run more smoothly and reduce food waste.

Menus can be found online at:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/6188/Fuel-Zone-School-Meals>



School Uniform

At Cardonald Primary School we believe that our school uniform can help create a sense of pride and belonging, helping us all to form a strong school community. School uniform eliminates the pressure to match the latest fashion trends and helps us all to create a more positive school environment.

The school uniform is:

- **Grey skirt or trousers**
- **Maroon jumper**
- **Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan**
- **White shirt and school tie**
- **White polo shirt**
- **Maroon reversible waterproof / fleece jacket/ blazer with school badge**
- **Red / yellow striped or checked dress may be worn in the summer**



Please note that 'Hoodies' are not permitted unless they are P7 leavers' hoodies. Hoods are not allowed up in class.

Black is not a colour for our school uniform.

For health and safety reason false nails should not be worn to school.

P.E Kit and Jewellery

Your child's class teacher will inform you of the class PE days.



On PE days children can come to school in their school PE kit. This should be grey or black leggings, shorts or joggers with a white t-shirt or polo shirt. If you wish to have polo shirts with the school logo these are available from Aspire.

No jewellery is allowed to be worn in P.E for the health and safety of all children. Please ensure it is removed on gym days. Children will be unable to participate in P.E if wearing jewellery. For health and hygiene reasons, staff cannot take out earrings for your child.

Children will be asked to remove jumpers and cardigans for PE lessons.

Lost Property

We regularly have pupils losing many items of their clothing. **Please ensure all clothing has your child's name clearly marked on it.**

Emergency Contact Information

It is important that you let us know if there are changes to your telephone number(s) or to those of your emergency contacts throughout the year. This can also be updated via Parent Portal.



Electronic and communication devices

Children may bring phones to school. However, these must be switched off and placed in their bag before entering the school grounds. The same procedure applies to Smart and Apple watches which also must remain switched off throughout the school day. If a child wishes to contact home, they should request a call to be made from the school office.



Toys and Games

Toys and games should not be brought into school unless this is for a specific reason agreed with the class teacher.

Please be mindful that school staff are not responsible if anything happens to toys, games or phones brought into school.

One Way system

Parents are reminded that at Cardonald Primary we operate a voluntary one-way system round the oval. Please could all parents respect this and turn right when entering the Oval to avoid congestion during our busiest times first thing in the morning or at the end of the school day.



Dogs

Dogs are not permitted within the school playground or school building with the exception of guide dogs.

Medication in School

If your child requires medication in school, it is important that the correct paperwork is completed at the start of each session. Please hand any required medication to the school office and complete the essential form. Medicine stored in school must be within expiry date and have a GP label attached with dosage instructions. We request that you contact the school at your earliest convenience to arrange this.

School Improvement

Our Standards and Quality report can be found on our website – [SQR 2026](#)

This reflects on our 2025/26 academic year and sets out our plans for improvement for this coming session.

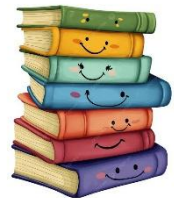
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our questionnaires over the past few years. These are either at the end of family learning events, sent out via group call to gather views or more recently a QR code to access this at parents evening.

We value and reflect on all feedback given.

Book Borrowing Boxes

To continue to promote reading from enjoyment we have created book borrowing boxes for all classes.

These will start being used from Monday 17th August and children will be able to take a book home if they wish.



We would appreciate your support with returning these books to ensure these borrowing boxes can be sustained.

Story Station

We hope to continue the story station on Thursday this year and will send further information when we have a date for this.

Bluesky

From August, we will be moving from Twitter to Bluesky to share updates and our learning. [cardonaldps.bsky.social](#)

Please follow us on Bluesky.



Class Assemblies

Throughout the year all classes will have a class assembly. For Primary 1s this will be the nativity. For all P7s this will be Burns event.

Diary Dates

September and October

Primary 1 open afternoon – Wednesday 9th September

Maths Week – 21st – 24th September

Primary 6 Harvest Assembly - Thursday 1st October

Note: this will be the P6 class along with the P6s from P7/6a and P7/6b

McMillan Coffee Morning - Friday 2nd October

Pupil Progress Meetings – Wednesday 7th October 3:15 – 8:15pm

Halloween Disco – Wednesday 28th October

P1 – 4: 3 – 4pm

P5 – 7: 4:15 – 5:15pm

School Term Dates

August

- **Monday, 10 August 2026 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)**
- **Tuesday, 11 August 2026 (In-Service Day)**
- **Wednesday, 12 August 2026 (Return date for Pupils)**

September

- **Friday, 25 September and Monday, 28 September 2026 (September weekend holiday)**

October

- **Friday, 9 October 2026 (In-Service Day)**
- **Monday, 12 to Friday, 16 October 2026 (October Week)**

December - Christmas and New Year

- **Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 18 December 2026**
- **Monday, 21 December 2026 - Monday, 4 January 2027 (Christmas holidays)**

January

- **Schools return on Tuesday, 5 January 2027**

February mid term break

- **Monday, 15 February 2027**
- **Tuesday, 16 February 2027**
- **Wednesday, 17 February 2027 (In-service day)**

March

- **Friday, 26 March 2027 (Good Friday)**
- **Monday, 29 March 2027 (Easter Monday)**

April - Spring Holiday

- **Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 2 April 2027**
- **Monday, 5 April - Friday, 16 April 2027 (Spring Break)**
- **Schools return on Monday, 19 April 2027**

May

- **Monday, 3 May 2027 (May Holiday)**
- **Thursday, 6 May 2027 (In-service day to coincide with elections, but may be subject to change)**
- **Friday, 28 May 2027 and Monday, 31 May 2027 (May Weekend)**

June

- **Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday, 25 June 2027**