

Cardonald Primary School

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Term 1 Newsletter: August 2023



WELCOME BACK

We are delighted to welcome all the children and staff back to school for another year of exciting events and fantastic learning experiences.

This newsletter contains a number of important reminders and information for the year ahead. Please contact the school or visit our school website if you require any further information.

If you have any issues you wish to discuss with your child's Class Teacher or the Leadership Team please make an appointment via the school office.

Mrs Waddell (Depute Head Teacher) will have responsibility for P1-P4

Miss Mohd (Depute Head Teacher) will have responsibility for P5-P7



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Reporting your child's absence



You have a legal requirement to ensure your child is attending school on a regular basis. Attendance under 90% disrupts children's learning. We will have a bigger focus on attendance at Cardonald this year and will be celebrating those with excellent attendance.

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

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. This will involve informing the Home School Support Worker. 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.*

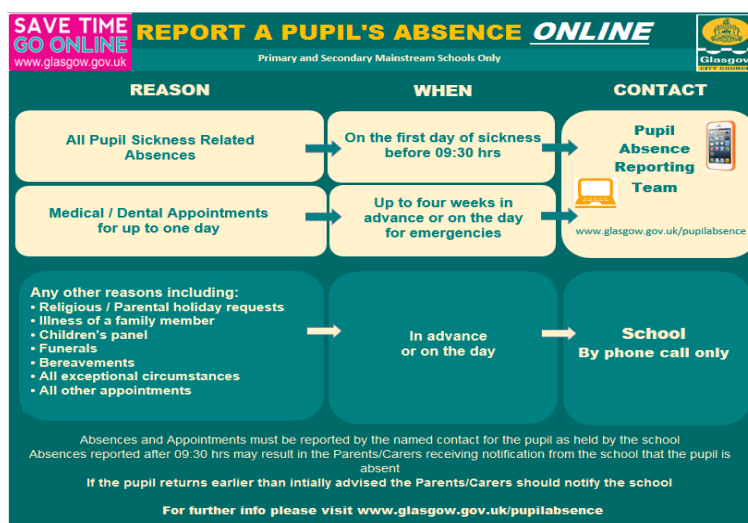
This is the link for the online form:

<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 have been using Groupcall to send texts, emails and information to those who have the Xpressions app. 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/>**

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is provided by Glasgow City Council catering staff between 8.00-8.45am every morning. Breakfast Club costs £2 for your first child and £1 thereafter for additional children you have.



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 water (plain) in the classroom to keep hydrated and refreshed. Juice or flavoured water is not allowed in the classroom.

Nuts or citrus fruits are not permitted in school as we have some children who have severe allergies to both of these types of food. Your support and understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Lunch

Lunch is free for P1-5 pupils and £1.90 for those in P6-7 who pay for lunch.

We would encourage you to choose your child's school lunch in advance using Parent Pay. Please select 'lunches' and the menu will appear allowing you to choose the option for your child. This can be done a week in advance. Children who have made their selection online will be brought to the lunch hall as soon as lunchtime starts.



School Uniform

All pupils at Cardonald Primary wear the school uniform as we believe that it helps to promote a sense of belonging, pride and a positive image of the school in our community.

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 leaver's hoodies. Hoods are not allowed up in class.

For health and safety 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.



Your child's class teacher will inform you of the class PE days. On PE days it is important that your child comes to school in a school PE kit. This is to ensure they can participate safely and effectively. Our PE kit consists of black leggings, shorts or joggers with a white t-shirt or polo shirt and appropriate footwear.

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.

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.***

Games Consoles/ Expensive Items

Games consoles, mobile phones and valuable items and toys should not be brought to school. They are not covered by our insurance and we are not responsible if anything happens to them.



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.

Advice on Head Lice

In the past, schools used to send out advice and information to parents about the detection and treatment of head lice. Alert letters are no longer sent out.

A very useful leaflet is available on line at:

<http://www.healthscotland.com/documents/25.aspx>

Further advice can be given by staff at your local chemist

We would like to remind all parents and carers that Head Lice cannot be prevented but that regular checking ensures early detection and treatment. If you need further support or advice please contact the school who can refer you to the school nurse for further advice.

Medication

Parents are also asked to inform the school of any particular medical requirements that their children may have. We have procedures for dealing with children with asthma and for administering medicines. Details of these are available on request.



Emergency Contact Information

It is very 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. You no longer need to contact the school office to update records as this can now be done using Parent Pay.



Class Teachers 2022/23



Class	Teacher
P.1	Miss Thomson
P.2/1	Mrs Wilson
P.2	Mrs Gillies and Mrs Hall
P. 3	Miss McCall (Mrs Hall - Tuesday)
P.4/3	Mrs Hughes
P.4	Miss Logue
P.5	Mrs Jardine
P.6	Miss Murray (Mrs King - Tuesday)
P.7/6	Mr Elder
P.7n	Mrs Mathieson
P.7m	Mrs Norris and Mrs Malik
	<u>Principal Teachers</u> Mrs King - Literacy Mrs Strang - Numeracy



School Term Dates 2023-2024



August

- Monday, 14 August 2023 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
- Tuesday, 15 August 2023 (In-Service Day)
- Wednesday, 16 August 2023 (Return date for Pupils)

September

- Friday, 22 September and Monday, 25 September 2023 (September weekend holiday)

October

- Friday, 13 October 2023 (In-Service Day)
- Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 October 2023 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 22 December 2023
- Monday, 25 December 2023 - Friday, 5 January 2024 (Christmas holidays)

January

- Schools return on Monday, 8 January 2024

February mid term break

- Monday, 12 February 2024
- Tuesday, 13 February 2024
- Wednesday, 14 February 2024 (In-service day)

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 28 March 2024
- Good Friday 29 March 2024
- Easter Monday 1 April 2024
- Monday, 1 April - Friday, 12 April 2024 (Spring Break)
- Schools return on Monday, 15 April 2024

May

- Thursday, 2 May 2024 (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)
- Monday, 6 May 2024 (May Holiday)
- Friday, 24 May 2024 and Monday, 27 May 2024 (May Weekend)

June

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024