



Welcome back after what seems a very long time away from school. I want to thank you all for your support during school closure with your messages and with supporting your children with home learning and last week as we returned to school. We are so pleased to be back with the children again albeit under different circumstances. I would also like to welcome our new P1 parents/carers. The P1 children have already settled in to Craigiebarns. This is new for everyone so bear with us as we continually adapt and change the way we are working to ensure we are doing all we can to follow the latest government and guidance from NHS to best support the safety of the children and adults at Craigiebarns Primary School and Nursery.

## Communication

At a time when we are trying to minimise the number of adults coming into the school, we recognise that this may make parents/carers feel less involved in our school community. Our plans had been to involve our families more in the life of the school! We will do all we can through Class Dojo/Email to keep you informed. Please send a Dojo message, email or phone the school should you have any concerns, queries or positive messages to share.

## Staffing Information

As you are now aware Mrs Findlater has successfully been appointed Acting Deputy Head Teacher and she has been very busy supporting the safe return of our staff and children. Mrs Findlater and Mrs Clarke will be in the playground at the start and end of the school day. Miss Whiting (new staff member) is now P7b's class teacher. Mrs Armstrong (RCT teacher) and Miss Martin (RCT teacher, last session she was one of our P2 teachers) have returned. Mrs P Armstrong will work mainly with P4 and P5 children and Mrs A Martin will work with our P6 and P7 children. We have also welcomed Mrs L Mulherron who will work with P1, P2 and P3 classes, Mrs L McGovern who is our P1 teacher and Mrs C Means is our P4b teacher. New staff members to our support staff team are Mrs J Martin (Learning and Care Assistant) and Mrs E Craig (Learning and Care Assistant). Miss S Crichton starts her maternity leave in two weeks, and we wish her well and look forward to meeting her new baby.

## Safety

- Some changes we have made -
- Whilst in the school building children will remain within their own classroom. School lunches are delivered to the classroom where they are also eaten.
- In the playground children have designated areas where they play with children from their year group. Regular hand washing and wiping of desks are now part of the classroom routine and children are reminded to not touch others.
- Touch points throughout the school are cleaned regularly and the school is thoroughly cleaned each day.
- Windows and classroom doors are kept open to ensure there is good ventilation.
- Staff will wear masks should they have to be in close proximity of children (first aid) or other adults.
- If your child shows symptoms - high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste or smell we ask that you keep them at home and follow NHS guidance. In addition to this, if a child displays any of the above symptoms at school, we will contact you to collect them and their siblings and ask that you follow NHS guidance.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Dates for you Diary 2020-2021

There may be further dates to add at a later date.

12.08.20	Back to school
02.10.20	Last Day of Term and start of October Holidays
19.10.20	Return to school
22.10.20	Flu Immunisations
13.11.20	In-service Day 3 (school closed to children)
23.12.20	Last Day of Term and start of Christmas Holidays
07.01.21	Return to school
12.02.21	Midterm holiday
15.02.21	Midterm holiday
16.02.21	Inservice Day 4 (school closed to children)
01.04.21	Last day of term and start of Easter holidays
19.04.21	Back to school
03.05.21	May Day holiday
06.05.21	Inservice day 5 (school closed to children)
31.05.21	Victoria Day Holiday
25.06.20	Last Day of term - Finish at 12 noon

Letter sent home in envelopes should be completed and returned. All immunisations will be in schools this year and not in GP surgeries.

We will update you as the year goes on with what events we will be able to hold. At present we can't hold any performances etc.

We are looking at developing a new way to share learning with you so that you can see an overview of what your child's class/year group will be focusing on over the term ahead. This will hopefully help you to be more informed about what your child is learning in class and will help with conversations at home.

Can we please ask that parents/carers keep all contact details/family circumstances up to date. This will allow us to contact you quickly should we need to.

It is important for children to be in school at 9.00am for the start of the day to be welcomed and settled into class. This will help to ensure that learning and information is not missed and helps children feel included in their class routine. 😊

Reminder – All P4-7 school dinners must be paid by ParentPay in advance or on the day wherever possible.

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