

Meldrum School Newsletter

11th August 2021



I hope you are all well and had a lovely summer break. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Tuesday 17th August.

As you will have seen from the First Minister's latest announcement, most of our COVID procedures and protocols will remain in place for the next 4-6 weeks.

What has changed?

Break time will be from 10.45 – 11.00am for all P1-7 children. Lunch time will remain staggered. P1-4 children will have lunch from 12.00 – 1.00pm and P5-7 children will have lunch from 12.30 – 1.30pm. Children do not need to remain strictly within their class bubbles so will once again be able to mix with friends from some other classes whilst in the playground.

This Term

Our school day timings remain the same as usual (9.15am – 3.30pm). Entrance gates and pick up points are detailed below.

	Start of Day	End of Day	
P1B	Early Stages Playground, Commercial Road	Children will be walked down to the lower playground (beside the climbing wall) and dismissed from there	P1B
P1H			P1H
P2MP			P2MP
P2G			P2G
P2/3L			P2/3L
P3YE			Meadowbank Playground
P3/4WS	P3/4WS		
P4MA	P4MA		
P4D	P4D		
P5C	Canopy Entrance	Canopy Entrance	P5C
P5CC			P5CC
P6B			P6B
P6C			P6C
P7C			P7C
P7B			P7B
Enhanced Provision	Meadowbank Playground	Meadowbank Playground	Enhanced Provision

A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be in each playground at the start of each day to oversee the children coming into school and ensure they know where to line up. Parents should drop children at the school gate and are not permitted to enter the school playground (the only exception to this is parents of nursery children). Advice for schools is that adults should maintain 1 metre distancing and continue to wear face coverings – we request that parents/carers follow this guidance at drop off and pick up too. Separate information already shared about nursery and P1 children starting nursery and school remains the same.

Last session, children did not bring school bags to school and for many of our children this worked very well. Given the circumstances, it remains our preference that children still do not bring a school bag to school however for some children a school bag may be helpful to carry their belongs and this is fine. In most circumstances, children should only need to bring to school

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- a water bottle (which should be taken home each day to be cleaned and refilled)
- a small snack
- packed lunch (if required)
- a pencil case if they wish

Children should not bring additional items (toys etc) to school. At the moment, children do not need to bring a PE kit to school.

Enhanced personal hygiene measures will continue and children will wash their hands when arriving in school in the morning and before they go home in the afternoon, before and after eating at break and lunch, and after using the toilet.

See attached letters from Laurence Findlay, Director of Education and Children's Services and Susan Webb, Director of Public Health at NHS Grampian for further information about lateral flow testing and isolation and testing requirements in the event of confirmed COVID cases.

School Uniform

All children in P1 to P7 are expected to wear school uniform. School uniform is an important part of promoting and maintaining a sense of identity. Our school uniform consists of -

- dark grey trousers/skirt/shorts/dresses/pinafores
- red gingham dresses
- white shirt/polo shirt
- red sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan

School wear is available to order any time at www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com however the school office do hold a limited stock for purchasing.

If purchasing school uniform is a financial challenge in any way, please remember that we have a selection of pre-worn school uniform in school. This has been washed and we are very happy to distribute this as required. Please get in touch with us if we can help in any way.

Children will be outside at break and lunch in all but the wettest of weathers and for learning outdoors so please ensure your child is always dressed appropriately for the weather.

Seesaw

We are delighted to let you know that we are now able to resume using Seesaw as one way of our children sharing their learning with parents/carers. Further details about this will follow next week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Carol Harper'.

Carol Harper
Head Teacher