



Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back! We are absolutely delighted to be back together after such a long time away from school and nursery. I would especially like to welcome all our new children and their families to our CPS family. The past few months have been challenging in many ways for us all but especially for our young people who have missed familiar routines and school life. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled on their return, showing great resilience and such responsible attitudes to our new routines and safety provisions. They are credit to you all and I know that we are set for a productive and exciting academic year together. *Mrs Stewart*

Additional Support Needs at Craighead Primary School

At Craighead Primary School, we are committed to ensuring all learners are included and supported. Nurturing approaches are at the heart of all we do to support our pupils and above all else, we put pupil health and wellbeing at the centre of our teaching and learning.

COVID-19 has impacted on all of our lives and at Craighead we will be supporting our pupils' return to school by focusing on social and emotional health and wellbeing through a range of nurturing approaches and wellbeing activities in class.

We will be focussing on reconnecting with our pupils and their families and supporting pupils to reconnect with each other. This will be addressed through the following ways:

- Compassionate, Connected Classrooms (P4-7)
- Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies programme (PAThS) across Early Years-P7.
- Emotion Coaching (Early years-P7)
- Refreshing our school and EYC Vision and Values.
- Seasons for Growth (Targeted intervention to support with loss and change)
- Whole School Nurture

For many of our pupils, this approach will ensure a positive experience of returning to school and work towards making some kind of sense of the events of this year. However, for some of our pupils, we expect that there may be a change to family circumstances, or life events, which may impact on their learning at school. It is our responsibility to respond to these situations by supporting our learners and their families.

Further information about how we support learners can be found in the Policies section of our school website: <http://www.craighead.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/school-info/policies/>

NEW STAFF

We welcome two new teaching staff members this session. Miss Henderson in P1 & Mr McGinley in P5. Miss Riggio & Miss Caldwell have both re-joined our school this session. Miss Riggio is teaching P3.2 and Miss Caldwell will teach in P1a, P1b, P3.2, P4, P5.4, P7.6 & P7.

Towards the end of the summer period, Ms Breen decided to work a reduced week and will now teach P6 on a Wednesday only. Mrs Dawson will teach P6 the remaining 4 days. Please note that due to teaching staff having contracted 22.5hrs pupil contact time per week, all classes in all primary schools will have at least two teachers over the course of a week.

Mrs Burton starts her maternity leave this Friday and we wish her and her husband all the happiness in the world for their next adventure.

HEALTH INFORMATION

It is vitally important that you contact school office if your child has, or you suspect they have, **chickenpox**.

This is due to one of our pupils requiring urgent medical treatment if they come into contact with the virus.

Thank you for your support with this. Please note that we are an **ALLERGY AWARE** school and that we are also a **NUT FREE** environment.

Child Protection

If you are worried about a child or young person it is important you speak to someone. You can contact us at Craighead or contact a health visitor, family doctor, social worker, police officer or children's reporter.

You can also discuss concerns about a child by contacting:

East Dunbartonshire's Advice and Response Team - 0141 777 3000

Out of Hours Social Work Standby Service - 0300 343 1505.

Childline - 0800 1111

Scottish Children's Reporters Administration - 0131 244 8201

NSPCC - 0800 800 5000

Police Scotland - 101

Vision and Values at CPS

At Craighead Primary School, we intend to refresh our school vision and values this session. We had hoped to begin our consultations in April and May, but this was not possible. Perhaps the Lockdown period has given us an opportunity to reflect and consider what matters most to us as a school community and how we would like our school to progress.

As part of the first stage of our consultation, we will be issuing a short questionnaire to gather your views on our current Vision and Values, and to begin thinking about what kind of school we would like to be in the future. You can access the parent/community questionnaire using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKeUKY5rrP1BMhs8hJ5md4NFUNKUyRkhUVTk4T7BVSEtZUE4zVTQ0SlpPSC4u>

We originally planned for drop in sessions, pupil focus groups, staff focus groups and parent focus groups to be held, but due to current restrictions, these will operate slightly differently. We would like to invite any interested parents to volunteer to be part of our 'virtual' parent focus group. If this is something you would be interested in, please email Mrs Loney office@craighead.edunbarton.sch.uk.



Can you please ensure that your child has a water bottle to bring to school each day for use in the classroom. All pupils are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and are allowed access to their water bottles at all times. Children are also able to refill their bottles when required.

P.E & Outdoor Play

All P.E will take place outdoors until further notice. There is no facility for the children to change for P.E therefore you are welcome to send your child to school wearing tracksuit bottoms/jogging trousers/leggings and outdoor trainers on their P.E days.

We plan to be outdoors in all-weather so PLEASE make sure your child comes to school with a **waterproof jacket and sensible footwear** every day. Remember, it is likely that we could have 4 seasons in one day so please be prepared!

P.E DAYS

P1-3 - Monday and Friday

P4-5 - Tuesday and Thursday

P6-7 - Wednesday and Friday

Classes are also participating in the daily mile and we are using our field every single day. 😊



Parent Council & Parent Fundraising Group

We are absolutely thrilled with the fantastic trim trail that our fundraising group raised funds and paid for in full. It was installed during the summer and every year group has loved playing on it since we returned. Our parent fundraising group work so hard throughout the year organising different events and activities to raise money all of which goes straight into providing experiences, equipment or resources for all pupils. Thank you so much!



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We normally operate an 'open door policy' and encourage our families to come to the school at any time to discuss any questions or concerns. We would normally have P1-3 teachers available for you to have a quick chat to in the mornings and at the end of the day. Under the current circumstances and with restrictions in place we sadly cannot offer this at present. However, please call us or email us at any time if we can help in any way.

Classes will send home their own newsletter next week which will provide you with more specific class information.