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# Carstairs Junction Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday despite the weather. As I type this, I realise I put a very similar opening message last year! We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Wednesday and for others it is a warm welcome to Carstairs Junction Primary School.



We will share our ELC and school newsletters as usual at the end of each month which will include further information with upcoming dates etc, however I wanted to share with you some important messages below in the first instance.

### Staffing News

Mrs Wilson-Seaton was appointed as Acting Depute Head in the third term and is now officially in post, following Mrs Bone returning to her substantive post at her own school this session. Mrs Wilson-Seaton and I look forward to working closely together in her new role. This change in turn created a vacancy for the post of Acting Principal Teacher, with interviews taking place on the last week of the term. I am delighted to welcome Miss Nayyer to our team and she looks forward to getting to know staff, pupils and families in the coming weeks. Miss Nayyer comes with a wealth of experience from her previous post.

Mrs Johnstone is also joining the support staff team on a Monday and Tuesday. A warm welcome to Mr Stewart who is teaching in Room 1 for part of the week, with Mrs Wilson continuing to teach the remainder of the week. We would also like to welcome Mrs Lamont who will be covering for Mrs Gordon in Room 6, whilst Mrs Gordon is on maternity leave for part of this term.

We would also like to congratulate Miss Barr from our ELC team for attaining her BA in Childhood Practice! The hard work, uni days and assignments have paid off!

Please find below a reminder of classes and teachers for this session:

Room Number	Stage	Teacher
1	P1/2/3	Mr Stewart (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) Mrs Wilson (Tues & Wed)
2	P1-4	Mrs Palmer

3	P3/4/5	Mrs Simpson
4	P4-7	Ms Stewart (Mon-Wed) Mrs Turner (Wed-Fri)
5	P6/7	Ms Martin
6	P2-5	Mrs Lamont (Mon-Wed – covering maternity leave) Mrs Grey (Wed-Fri)
	CCC	Mrs Brown

**Breakfast Club** Our Breakfast Club will commence on Wednesday on the first day back. Breakfast Club runs from 8.25 to 8.55am in the canteen. If you wish for your child to attend Breakfast Club, please either call or email the school office to let us know which days they wish to attend. There is no cost for this provision.

**Punctuality** We understand that there are the odd occasions where your child might be late due to unforeseen circumstances and please be assured we understand, as many of us are parents ourselves! For the most part, please try to ensure your child arrives to school by 9am. It is a busy time in school at 9am and it can be difficult with latecomers needing to be let in and ordering their lunch after the class have ordered. This is also an important time where children can receive focused support and key teaching is shared and we don't want your child missing out on their learning.

**First Day arrangements for Primary 1** - On day one, Primary 1 pupils being brought to school by parents/carers, are asked to bring their child to school for 9.15am and collect their child at 2.45pm. They should be brought to the school office for 9.15am and will be collected from here at 2.45pm. This is for day one only as it will allow them to enter and exit when it is a little quieter. Pupils being brought to school by taxi in our supported classes will arrive at the usual time of 9am and depart at 3pm and will be supported by school staff at these times of transition. We will meet briefly in the hall. Mr Stewart and Mrs Wilson will come to collect your children and bring them to the cloakroom and class. They will be shown where to put their jackets and bags etc. We will then come along to bring the parents to class to take some photos of their child in class and to spend a short time with them before letting them get on with their day.

**Entering/Exiting Arrangements **\*\*Please note, there are some changes to last year's plans\*\*****

We ask that your child does not arrive at school prior to 8.45am as the playground and MUGA is only supervised from this time.

Room 1, 2 and 6 pupils will enter and exit via the gate to the main playground beside Room 1 classroom.

Room 3, 4 & 5 pupils will enter via the main gate and go to the MUGA prior to 9am. Rooms 3 & 5 will exit via their classroom at the end of the day and will exit via the main playground gate beside Room 1.

**Lunch time** Most pupils stay in school for lunch. If you wish for your child to be a home lunch can you please either email or call the school office to let us know as close to

9am as possible so that we don't need to bother you by chasing this up with a phone call.

### **Lunch Menu**

The school lunch menu for 2023.24 remain in place for now with the 2024/25 menu commencing on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Please see the links below:

School : <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/primary-menuz>

ELC: <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/nursery-lunch-menu>

**Grab Rail** Just a reminder that our Grab Rail with pre-loved uniform items will be outside the main door today and tomorrow. Please feel free to pop along and help yourself to anything which may be useful. For the remainder of the year, the grab rail is situated in the 'bubble' at our main entrance, please come and browse at any point and help yourself to any pre loved items.

**School Uniform** We look forward to seeing the children in their uniform. On PE days, children are asked to wear comfortable joggers or leggings and suitable trainers- along with their usual school sweater/cardigan. Please do not worry about 'PE' days as your child's class teacher will let you know when this will be very shortly.

**Please remember in the interests of health and safety no hooped/dangling earrings or false nails are not permitted. Please can you also ensure that your child does not bring any toys to school or make up etc. We have plenty of resources/toys for your child to use at break time etc. As you will appreciate, if your child brings in a toy it can lead to them getting upset if the toy is lost/broken or another child wants to play with it. Please can you also make sure that your child brings appropriate indoor shoes, gym shoes or an old pair of trainers is ideal. Open toe shoes (such as Crocs) and slipper are unfortunately not suitable for health and safety reasons.**

**Please can you label all your children's items of clothing and also their water bottles, packed lunches and ties.** We encourage children to bring in their own water bottles but please don't worry if they forget one day as we have a stock of water bottles which they can help themselves to. We also ask that only water is in the bottles not diluting juice.

**Snack-** Snack is provided in class each day at no cost to families. Pupils are consulted over what they would like as a snack and this was well received! This will recommence from Wednesday.

**Nut Free Zone** – A reminder that the school is a nut free zone. Please bear this in mind when preparing packed lunches.

I hope that all goes well with being back to the 'old routine' on Wednesday or for some a very new routine! I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday morning.

Kindest regards,



**Jill Armour**  
**Head Teacher**