

Cairney School aspires to be a happy, safe and inclusive learning community where everyone is treated fairly and with respect and encouraged to be the best they can be. Through high-quality, enjoyable, learning experiences, we strive to inspire and challenge our learners to achieve their fullest potential. In our school, learning is an active, exciting, positive experience. We work in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community to enable our children to become

- Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors.



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Cairney School Newsletter No. 1: 25th August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone - I hope you all had a very enjoyable summer holiday. Welcome to Cairney School to all our new pupils and their families! The children are looking really smart in their school uniforms. Thank you for supporting the wearing of our school uniform. Please could you make sure all clothing is clearly labeled? Thank you.

CHILD PROTECTION

To ensure our children's safety, it is important for us to have your help with the following:

- Please keep the school up to date with your telephone number, including mobile phone if you have one, and other details for emergency contacts.
- Please inform the school of any prearranged absence, e.g. attendance at a hospital appointment or other unavoidable event, prior to the absence-taking place.
- Please inform the school of your child's absence by 9.15 a.m. on the morning of the first day of absence. For afternoon sessions, inform the school no later than half an hour into the afternoon session.
- Respond promptly to contact from the school.



Attendance at school (Aberdeenshire Policy August 2016)

The school monitors attendance at school and will discuss this with pupils and parents as appropriate. We deal sensitively with a pupil's needs and concerns and try to address any needs identified at an early stage, involving parents/carers and other sources of expertise as appropriate.

As a parent/carer, you will be informed of concerns about the level of your child/children's attendance **(i.e. when attendance falls below 90% as of August 2016)** at an early stage and invited to a meeting to discuss how we can work together to support your child's attendance and to draw up a plan of support. You and your child will always be asked about what kind of support you think is needed.

If you are planning to take your child/children out of school during school time for e.g. a holiday, family event etc., we would ask that you put **this request in writing** stating the dates of intended

absence. Thank you. *Please note: holidays taken during term time are recorded as unauthorised absences.*

If your child/children have sickness and/or diarrhea, **they should be kept at home for 48 hours** to help prevent the infection spreading to their classmates and to staff.

School closures and transport changes

Parents/carers can receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. You can sign up for these notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website – if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered. *myaccount* is a simple, secure way of accessing a range of Scottish public services using just one username and password and 13,000 parents/carers across Aberdeenshire are already enjoying the benefit of it. As well as being able to sign up for alerts, your home page will automatically give you handy information such as your bin collection days, where your nearest recycling centre is and the names of your local councilors.

So if you want to be kept up to date and take advantage of the other *myaccount* benefits, sign up to the system by going to the Aberdeenshire Council website and clicking on the red **register** button in the top right-hand corner.



Improved reporting to parents: Sharing our learning - school Twitter Account

As part of the on-going process of regular sharing of information about the children's learning and what is going on in school throughout the school year, we have a school 'Twitter' account. **This is a closed account and only those given permission to access to it will be able to see the content.** If you wish to follow us on Twitter, please search for Cairney School and click on the request to follow us and we will give you access to the account. The number of people following us on Twitter is growing! Thank you to those who are already following us—we hope you are enjoying finding out what we are learning in school and seeing what we are doing in the classroom!

News from the staffroom

We are delighted to welcome Miss Mitchell who is the P1-4 class teacher. We also welcome back Mr. Main, a Music visiting specialist teacher, who will be working with the children on Wednesday afternoons and the occasional Monday afternoon up until the October holidays. We welcome Ms Hardy who will be working with the children on Monday mornings, also until the October holidays. Mrs. Morrison and Ms Wood (our Pupil Support Assistants) will be in the classrooms every day.

PE kit

Pupils should have their PE kit in school every day. Ideally they should bring their kit in on Monday and leave it school until Friday when it should go home for washing. If for some reason your child cannot take part in PE they should bring a letter of explanation to school. Long hair should be tied back and all jewelry removed. If earrings cannot be removed then they should be covered with tape. We ask that P1 come dressed for PE on a Monday and a Thursday until the October holidays.

Dates for your diary

Friday 15th October: School closes for the October Holidays

Monday 1st November: School re-opens for Term

Thursday 18th November and Friday 19th November: School closed for In-service days

Tuesday 21st: December: School closes for Christmas.

Wednesday 5th: January: School opens for Term 3

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Kim C Aplin
Head Teacher



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Parent Comments and Ideas

Please share your child/children's out of school achievements

Name:

Signed: