



Education Resources  
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# Woodie News - August

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

I hope you are all well and made the most of the lovely weather we had this summer.



The start to session 2021/2022 is a lot easier than it was last year. Following the Scottish Government guidelines the majority of our previous Covid mitigations remain in place. Please be reassured that our number one priority remains the safety and wellbeing of all of our pupils and staff. Our main aim this week has been to settle all our 484 children back into school life. Updates on homework, breakfast club and other information will follow shortly. I have outlined our Covid updates further on so please read on!

A special welcome to each of our new 75 Primary 1 children and their families. It is lovely to have you as part of our school. The children have been fantastic this week, although we've had a few wee sleepy heads in the afternoons and a lot of tired faces today! We have also welcomed 8 new children throughout the school too. For the first time ever we are now up to 17 full classes. This means we had to create a brand new classroom in our large open area; Primary 4 with Miss Leggate are lucky to be the first to use it. They have decided to call their new classroom "Willow". Woodside just keeps on growing.

The easiest way for us to communicate with you is by using the e-mail that is connected to your 'Parent pay' account. Please check this regularly and if you haven't logged on yet, try to do so as soon as possible. If you are having trouble or are unsure of anything, please contact the school office.

As always, our Newsletter is published on the website and will also now be emailed to you on the **first Friday of every month**.

Our strong, positive partnership with our school family has been so valuable during this past 18 months and I hope we continue to build on this and be able to work more closely with you in the year ahead.

If you need any information or have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Have a great weekend.  
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## Dates For Your Diary

<b>23rd August</b>	Primary 1 pupils now in school from 8.45am - 2.45pm.
<b>3rd Sep</b>	Newsletter online
<b>24th Sep</b>	Holiday
<b>27th Sep</b>	Holiday
<b>1st Oct</b>	Newsletter Online
<b>4th Oct</b>	Flu vaccine. Info to follow
<b>11th - 15th Oct</b>	Holiday



## Parking

Can I ask that you respect the driveways and private car parking areas of our local neighbours when dropping/collecting your children. It is very busy outside the school but we want everybody to be **safe and happy**. Thank you.

We try to share up to date news, different events, successes and photographs on the school Twitter page :-  
**@woodsidepschool**



If you are not a follower yet, please click to follow the page. Our Twitter account is one way communication only.



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## Our Staffing

I am delighted to say our whole school team have returned safe, well rested and ready to go. A massive 'Thank You' to all the staff for their hard work in preparing all our classes. The classrooms all looked fantastic for the children to enter.

We have welcomed five new members of our teaching staff:-

Mrs Callaghan, Miss Gray, Mrs Hannah, Miss Leggate & Mrs Hendry.



I am also delighted to welcome back Mrs Bissett, Miss McEnroy and Miss Ashwood.

Our classes for this session are as follows:-

Primary 1 Room 1- Mrs Aitcheson (Mon,Tue& Wed) and Mrs Lawson (PT) (Wed, Thurs & Fri)

Primary 1 Room 2 - Mrs Smith

Primary 1 Room 3 - Mrs Yates

Primary 2 Room 4 - Ms Lennox

Primary 2 Room 5 - Miss McLarnon ( Acting PT Mon &Tue)

Primary 2/3 Room 6 - Mrs Hannah ( Mon, Tue, Wed,Thurs am ) Mrs Laird (Thurs pm and Fri)

Primary 3 Room 7- Mrs Burke

Primary 3 Room 8 - Ms More

Primary 4 Room 9 - Mrs Bissett

Primary 4 Willow - Miss Leggate ( Mon, Tue, Wed,Thurs am ) Miss Gray (Thurs pm and Fri)

Primary 4 Room 10 - Mrs Ferguson

Primary 5 Room 11- Miss McEnroy

Primary 5 Room 12 - Miss Ashwood

Primary 6 Room 13 - Mrs Smith

Primary 6 Room 14 - Miss Paterson

Primary 7 Room 15 - Miss Wilson

Primary 7 Room 16 - Miss Baillie



Each class will have another teacher in class for 2½ hours per week

P1, P2—Mrs Hendry

P2/3, P3, P4—Mrs Laird

P5, P6, P7—Miss Gray

Mrs Callaghan will be supporting our school with our Recovery programme and Mrs McKellar will be our Pupil Equity Lead.

Mrs Gibney continues to lead our amazing Support Staff team. She will be joined in the office by Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Hughes.

We have also welcomed Miss Daly to the Support Staff Team.





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## Our School Recovery Plan

Every session we evaluate our current position and plan our improvement strategies for the year ahead.

- ⇒ **Improvement Priority 1 - Continuity of Learning**
- ⇒ **Improvement Priority 2 - Promote the positive health and wellbeing of children, parents/carers and staff**
- ⇒ **Improvement Priority 3 - Planning for Equity**



For more detailed information, copies of both our 'Recovery Plan 2021-22' and our 'Standards and Quality Report' will be added on our website. We will keep you updated regarding the progress of our work throughout the session.

Mrs McKellar is leading our Equity Priorities. Each year the school is allocated money to be used to close our school equity gap. This year we have been allocated £126,808.

5% of this budget, £6340.40 is called our Participatory Budget and is to be used in consultation with our children and parents. This means **we are looking for your input and help**.

Mrs McKellar will send out an email today to outline more.

## Covid update and changes

As a result of the First Minister's announcement on Tuesday 3rd August, Covid mitigation arrangements on the whole will continue as they were before the summer holidays. These will be reviewed after the next Scottish Government update in 5 weeks.

As of Monday, our Primary 1 children will start at 8.45am and finish at 2.45pm. This will mean our gates will be busier. Please allow space for our wee people to come in and be able to see their parents at the end of the day. Please can I ask that face masks are worn for drop offs and pick ups, thank you.

We are hoping to use some of the space in the top car park for parents collecting children at the Merc Garage at the end of the day. Can I kindly ask that you don't stand on the Merc Garage property or allow the children to play on their wall. Thank you.

Our initial priority has been settling the children back into school. As of next week **we will no longer have 'class bubbles' in the playground**. There have been many benefits to this arrangement as it has made playground management better. For this reason we are going to introduce year group areas as I know the children are desperate to see their friends at the same stage.



Children travelling on the school bus no longer need to wear their face mask. We are currently looking at our bus numbers and will continue to allocate every child their own seat. This system made our bus management safer for all.

I will keep you updated with any other changes and Scottish Government guidelines.

**Please be vigilant for symptoms of COVID-19. If your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19 they must not attend school.** They should stay at home, self-isolate and get tested for COVID-19. Please make sure you contact the school office to inform them of your child's absence and update us on the results of any PCR tests.