



Carbeile Junior School Newsletter 1 Wednesday 8th September 2021

Welcome back to Carbeile for a (hopefully) full year of fun-filled, learning focussed education (that is not interrupted by COVID!) We have lots of new initiatives to aim for this year, including Class DoJo, our new intervention classes, further development of the curriculum and careful (but innovative) budget spending. Lots of information in this one and only paper newsletter! Apologies for the lengthy letter, but COVID info and a few reminders needed to be sent in the first week.

School Website

We use the school website a great deal to showcase the learning being completed in different year groups, and to celebrate all achievements in the school, whether a Proud Postcard, merits or certificates from our Awards Assemblies. We only ever use first names of the children and you will be asked for your permission to allow your child on the website.

Plans to Manage COVID from September 2021

Please see below how we will manage all elements of the new COVID-19 guidelines from the start of the new year.

Risk Assessment

- We will comply with health and safety law and put in place proportionate control measures.
- We will regularly review and update our risk assessments - treating them as 'living documents', as the circumstances in the school and the public health advice changes. This includes having active arrangements in place to monitor whether the controls are effective and working as planned.

Mixing and 'Bubbles'

- It is no longer recommended that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles').
- This means that bubbles will not need to be used in school from the autumn term.
- As well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, this means that assemblies can resume, and we will no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch.
- Any decision to recommend the reintroduction of 'bubbles' would not be taken lightly and would need to take account of the detrimental impact they can have on the delivery of education.

Tracing Close Contacts and Isolation

- We only needed to do contact tracing up to and including 18 July. Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.
- As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts.
- Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.
- This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.
- The school may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.
- From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.
- Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.
- We will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak in a setting or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.

Face Coverings

- The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. **We would therefore request that face coverings are still worn in reception please.**

Stepping Measures Up and Down

- We have outbreak management plans outlining how we would operate if there were an outbreak in school or the local area.
- Given the detrimental impact that restrictions on education can have on children and young people, any measures in school will only ever be considered as a last resort, kept to the minimum number of groups possible, and for the shortest amount of time possible.
- Central government may offer local areas of particular concern an enhanced response package to help limit increases in transmission.

Control Measures

We will continue to:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Remote Education

- We will maintain our capacity to deliver high-quality remote education for the next academic year, including for pupils who are abroad, and facing challenges to return due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, for the period they are abroad.
- The remote education provided will be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school.
- We will work collaboratively with families and put in place reasonable adjustments so that pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can successfully access remote education.

A few reminders

- The school calendar is available on the school website if you are unsure of any dates.
- All children ordering school lunches need to have credit on their ParentPay accounts (Any existing children with overdrawn dinner money accounts on ParentPay will not be able to have school lunches until debit balances have been cleared).
- Universal free school meals at KS1 does not continue. If you think your child is entitled to Free School Meals an application must be made via County (not the school) online or forms can be collected from Reception. Please note that the school does not have any influence over decisions made or the time it takes to process. Parents/Carers are responsible for completing the application and providing a packed lunch until entitlement is confirmed.
- If you know that your child is entitled to the 'Service Premium' (one or more parent who currently serves in the Armed Forces or who have served in the past 6 years), please make sure that you contact reception.
- If your child left Carbeile at the end of July and is starting secondary school this week and still has a debit balance on their ParentPay account the overdrawn balance will transfer to the new school where debts are not allowed therefore preventing the purchase of school dinners.
- PE kits are required for all children and should be in school everyday from Thursday (named please).
- A copy of the Carbeile Junior School Uniform Policy is available on the school website.
- All admissions forms, permission slips and medical forms should be returned to school reception by Friday at the latest. This is vital in terms of safeguarding and emergency contact.
- If your child has a medical condition (including asthma) that the school needs to be aware of, a medical form needs to be completed by Friday at the latest.
- If the school is required to dispense medication, a form must be completed by a parent/carer on the day dispensing starts.
- If your child is registered with the school as an asthma sufferer an inhaler needs to be provided on Thursday. This must be in date and kept in the classroom in the teacher's inhaler bag and not taken home at any time. Children registered as asthma sufferers who do not have inhalers in school will not be able to go off site on trips/visits.
- Please make sure all uniform is named so that none goes missing!

Tuck

As part of our healthy school status, children are welcome to bring in tuck such as cereal bars, plain biscuits or fruit for break time. No crisps or chocolate should be eaten for tuck (fine in lunch boxes though).

Reading Records

Your child will be bringing a reading record home very soon. This is where you can record when your children have read at home (3 times a week = Golden Ticket for the weekly draw to win a book/Lego WeDo time). These will be checked by teachers and TAs weekly but not commented in as all comments on reading take place during daily reading skills lessons.

A few dates for your diary

Friday 17 th September	Jeans 4 Genes day (wear jeans and school jumpers, donations for charity)
Monday 20 th September	Year 5 Drama workshop on Internet safety, parents welcome to attend
Friday 24 th September	10.00 – 11.00am MacMillan Coffee Morning (details to follow)
Tuesday 5 th October	School photographs with Tempest
Thursday 7 th October	9.00-10.00am – Learning Hour. Come into school for an hour and share in the learning of your children. See some of their learning from the start of term and enjoy an hour together without the phone ringing. Little ones are very welcome.
Monday 11 th October	Science Dome – Year 5
Tuesday 19 th October	Parent's Consultative Evening
Thursday 21 st October	Parent's Consultative Evening
Friday 22 nd October	INSET Day – children not in school
25 th – 29 th October	Half Term week
Monday 1 st November	Children Back to School

Reminder about Behaviour and Zero Tolerance on Bullying

Carbeile is a very positive school, with lots to celebrate, however we also have very specific sanctions for unacceptable behaviour. For the large majority of pupils, this will never come into effect but it is important that poor behaviour is quickly dealt with to ensure that progression in learning and the children's enjoyment on the playground is not affected. Therefore, any violent conduct towards another pupils or adult will follow a three tier warning system:

1st time = verbal warning and parents contacted

2nd time = internal exclusion (the day will be spent in another class) and parents contacted

3rd time = fixed term external exclusion.

This same system will be employed if any children are constantly disrupting the learning of their class mates in the classroom, as this is not fair to those children who want to learn. Communication with parents will be outstanding throughout this process. As always, feedback will be welcomed.

Staffing Structure

If you would like to know about the leadership structure or staff subject responsibilities, please go the Carbeile website and look under the 'About' tab.

Medication

If your child needs medication during the school day, you are required to complete a form at Reception before any medication can be dispensed by school staff. Children are not permitted to have any medication of any description on their person in school.

Attendance

Please remember to fill in an absence request form if your child has to miss school due to a medical appointment, family occasion or holiday. There are some instances that can be authorised but only in 'exceptional circumstances'. If you would like to discuss any of this with me please drop me an email or come in to school to see me.

Thank you for your patience on the first three days; reception will be very busy. I have been so proud of how well our new Year 3s have settled into their new school and how all other year groups have slotted in with no issues at all.

Dear Parent/Carer,

To save paper and copying costs, and to ensure that all content can be current, colourful and occasionally adult appropriate, Carbeile Junior School now sends out all newsletters (that don't require a permission slip being returned) via email. All newsletters are always then put on the 'Parent Zone' section of the school website because, in line with our energy and cost saving solar panels and LED lighting, we feel this is an effective way of saving further but also getting vital information to parents in a format that can't get lost at the bottom of a bag!

Therefore, please provide your email address below (and that of anyone else who you know would like to receive the newsletter), so that we can add you to our database. In line with the General Data Protection Regulations, please also sign below to state that you are happy for your email address(es) to be confidentially added to 'MailChimp', the GDPR compliant firm that we use to send out the emails.

If you have already provided your email address, and already receive emails from us, then you will NOT need to send this form back to school again as your details have been updated on MailChimp regarding your child's new year group.

Thank you for your support, and if there is ever anything (community events, charity sales etc) that you would like to be advertised for free to hundreds of people then I would be happy to add it to the newsletter if it would be relevant to the Carbeile or Torpoint community.

The first email newsletter will be going out on Friday 17th September so please ensure we have all of your contact details by then.

Yours Sincerely



P.L. Hamlyn

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Name of child(ren): Year Group:

Email address:

Email address:

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I give my authorisation for the above email addresses to be added to the 'MailChimp' database in order to receive newsletters from Carbeile Junior School. I understand that this email address will not be shared with any other company.

Signed: