



Dear Parents/Carers,

27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

I hope this letter finds you well and you have enjoyed the summer break. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back into school next week and I thought it would be helpful to send out a few details prior to re-opening.

You will receive an invitation to join a Zoom meeting with myself and Mrs McNeil, scheduled for **Tuesday 1st September at 1.30pm**. At the meeting I will go through some general information about life in Class 2. The Zoom is for parents/carers and will give you the opportunity to ask any questions and hopefully allay any worries or concerns, especially after such an extended time away from school.

Of course, our new Year Twos will already be familiar with our routines and expectations but there may be one or two who are anxious about returning and there are some changes I would like to run through with you so everyone is clear as to how the new school day will look.

For our new Year Ones, who missed out on the usual transition opportunities afforded the children in the summer term, I want to assure you our priority will be to make them feel as welcome and at ease in their new classroom as quickly as possible. I already know these children well and I am sure that it will not take them too long to adjust to their new surrounds.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let me know ([jane.helliwell@castlecarrock.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:jane.helliwell@castlecarrock.cumbria.sch.uk)) and I can arrange a time to contact you directly if you do have any concerns or queries.

P.E. is currently planned to take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons so please can your child come to school dressed in their P.E. kits (but NOT on the first day back). Trainers with Velcro are more robust to wear throughout the day, and a pair of joggers and a sweatshirt would be ideal as we plan to take the children outside, weather permitting, and if it is warm then shorts are obviously fine. If our days for P.E. change then I will let you know as soon as possible.

A school meals service is expected to resume, although there may be some adjustments to the menu. We will notify you of any changes as soon as they have been confirmed.

The new school day will run from 9am to 3.15pm. Myself or Mrs McNeil will meet you and your child at the school gate and bring them in to school. At the end of the school day we will bring your child back to the school gate.

Please adhere to social distancing when dropping off and collecting your child. Parents are not allowed into school currently due to Covid-19 restrictions. The best way to contact with us is via email or to phone the school directly. Please let us know if arrangements to collect your child from school change.

We aim to make Class 2 a happy and safe place of learning for your child and we cannot wait to see enjoying school and having fun together again!

Many thanks,

Mrs Helliwell