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Dear Parent and Carers,

16th June 2021

I hope you received the **Class Information** last week and have had the chance to look over the **Starting School Booklet**. As you will be aware, COVID Guidance is continually changing and therefore we will send a letter/email confirming the final Starting School Information the week before school starts in August. Meanwhile, we can confirm the following pieces of information:

Starting Dates:

P1A

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| Wednesday 18th August: | 9.00am – 3.00pm | Pupils with Surnames beginning with A-L to attend |
| Thursday 19th August: | 9.00am – 3.00pm | Pupils with Surnames beginning with M-Z to attend |
| Friday 20th August: | 9.00am - 12pm | All pupils to attend |

P1B

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|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Wednesday 18th August: | 9.00am – 3:00pm | Pupils with Surnames beginning with A-L to attend |
| Thursday 19th August: | 9.00am – 3:00pm | Pupils with Surnames beginning with M-Z to attend |
| Friday 20th August: | 9.00am – 12pm | All pupils to attend |

P1/2

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| Thursday 19th August: | 9.00am – 3:00pm | All pupils to attend |
| Friday 20th August: | 9.00am – 12pm | All pupils to attend |

Please Note:

- All pupils will attend fully from **Monday 23rd August 2021**
- The normal school hours are **Mon-Thurs (8:50am – 3:00pm) and Fri (8:50am – 12:15pm)**
Please Note: School has been working on a staggered drop-off and pick -up during the last year. This has allowed parents to drop off between **8:45am and 9:10am** each morning and pick up between **2:45pm and 3:00pm (Mon – Thurs) and 11:55am and 12:15pm (Fri)**. This may be still in place in August, but we will confirm this in our final Starting School Information in August.

ParentPay:

We ask that all parents sign up to our ParentPay system. ParentPay is one of our main communication methods and this system also allows parent/carers to pay for meals, milk and other items. In order to activate or transfer ParentPay accounts, we children must be registered on their first day of Primary 1. We will send information to families who require set-up codes in the first few days of Primary 1.

Lunches:

Pupils in P1 are entitled to a free school lunch each day but may bring a packed lunch from home if they prefer. School lunches are normally ordered through ParentPay, but we are aware that this system may take a few days to set-up or transfer. We will shortly be sending a link which will allow you to order lunches for the first few weeks until Parent Pay is ready.

Milk:

Milk is available each day to pupils but, unlike lunches, this has to be paid for. Some children may be entitled to free milk if their family is receiving benefits, please contact the school office if you require any support in applying for free milk. Milk can be paid for in instalments (7 x £4.65) at set dates in the year or in one larger payment (£32.30). Please note there are no refunds given for missed milk other than in exceptional circumstances.

During the first few weeks of term, we will ensure that **all** children are offered milk (they do not need to have this and can choose to have their own water if they wish). This will allow time for milk payments to be set up and organised. Again, we will provide information on how to pay this through ParentPay once school resumes.

Uniform:

A reminder that uniform can be purchased through the website below:

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/carrick-knowe-primary-school.html>

(The online delivery deadline this summer is Sunday the 25th July. Any orders placed before this date are **guaranteed to be delivered in time** for children going back to school.)

Or

Instore at the following address:

BE Uniforms Edinburgh Store
187A Dundee Street
EH11 1DH

Many thanks.



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