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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Quarryhill school community back from the summer break and I look forward to meeting you all on Tuesday 22nd August for our first day back for the children.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Acting Headteacher for this term. I am delighted to be part of this community and to be able to support teachers, staff and parents in helping our children achieve the best possible outcomes. I have been working in education for over eleven years, five of which have been in the Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. My wife and I have two young children, one of which we welcomed only four months ago.

As well as myself, we also welcome a number of other very experienced and enthusiastic staff to the team this year and I encourage you to come and introduce yourself to them.

Below are some important bits of information that you will need for the weeks ahead.

School starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.05 for all children (apart from the new Ps1 who have a different phasing in plan for the first 3 weeks – see below). All children have a morning break at 10.25 – 10.45.

On Tuesday 22nd August the new school term resumes and we will be ready to assist children to find the correct door/class. Reminder below:

Year Group	Teacher	Classroom	Door - to line up	Lunch Sitting
P1	Mrs Kazmierska	Room 2	Beside room 1	12.45 – 1.30
P1	Miss McIntosh	Room 1	Beside room 1	
P2	Miss Craigie	Room 5	Beside nursery	
P2/3	Miss Irvin	Room 3	Back middle door	
P3	Miss Richards	Room 4	Beside nursery	
P4	Mrs Rendall	Room 11	Back middle door	12.15 – 1.00
P4	Miss Ramage	Room 12	Back middle door	
P5	Miss Holmes	Room 15	Beside nursery	
P5	Mr Nixon	Room 14	Beside nursery	
P6	Mrs Johannsen	Room 13	Beside nursery	12.30 – 1.15
P6/7	Miss Clarke / Mrs GC	Room 8	Beside room 1	
P7	Mr Milne	Room 10	Back middle door	

P7	Miss Ingram	Room 9	Beside room 1	
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Induction reminder for P1 children:

Week 1 – 22nd August, children and parents to line up at P1 door and to be collected from the same door at the following times depending on their group.

Gp 1 – 9.00 – 11.30

Gp 2 – 12.00 – 2.30

Week 2 - Week Beg 28th August 2023 - All the children in school Monday to Friday – 9.00-12.15pm.

Week 3 – Week beginning 4th September 2023 - All children will be in school from 9.00-1.30pm, children will enjoy lunch in school.

Week 4 – Week Beginning 11th September 2023 - All the children will attend full days from 9.00 -3.05pm

Staffing

We would like to welcome our new members of staff to the Quarryhill community, all of whom bring a wealth of experience, expertise and enthusiasm. I encourage you to introduce yourself to them whenever you see them.

Family Learning

We continue to have support provided through our part-time Family Learning Development Worker resources. We will also be welcoming Audrey Garland from Place2Be who will be supporting our children for 2.5 days a week. More information can be found below and through the QR code.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a new site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour. All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families. Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence



Uniform

School uniform to be worn and PE kit to school to change into/out of at school.

If you still require uniform, please contact the school office with an order form or you can order online at www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com

Donna Stewart has a Facebook Page and has all the unclaimed sweatshirts washed and ready to pass on at no cost, and we have some spares in school if you require.

Please be Reminded that all children must have a change of shoes for indoor use.

School Meals

P1 to 5 all receive free school meals. If you wish to apply for free meals, please go to our website to get the link to apply. If your child is in P1 to P5 and you are in receipt of benefits, please still apply for Free School Meals anyway, as you will be eligible for other benefits.

Pupils are eligible for free school meals, due to low income, if their parents or carers receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance

- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credits)
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, with an income of less than £17,005
- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income of up to £7,920
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with a monthly earned income of not more than £660
- Universal Credit, with a single parent/carers working less than 16 hours per week with an annual earned income from employment of less than £17,005
- Universal Credit, with both parents/carers working less than 24 hours per week with an annual earned income from employment of less than £17,005

If children are having a packed lunch, please make sure that this is brought to school by the pupil in the morning and not dropped off during the morning at the office.

Communication

We will continue to communicate with parents via Newsletters, Seesaw, Groupcall and phone calls. Teachers may be available at the end of the school day for an informal discussion or alternatively, we can make a suitable time for you to meet with them.

Medication

All medication must be approved by a member of the SLT. If your child requires long term medication or inhalers, we will organise for the paperwork to be sent home. Parents must call the school office to discuss this and then bring this to the office to be signed in.

All the staff at Quarryhill Primary School are very much looking forward to the new session and supporting you in helping your children to achieve their best.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any concerns.

Kind Regards,

Mr Conor Meehan

Dates for 2023-24 Session

Term 1

21 August 2023 to 13 October 2023

- In-service day - Monday 21 August 2023
- Term starts - Tuesday 22 August 2023
- September holiday - Friday 22 September to Monday 25 September 2023
- Term ends - Friday 13 October 2023
- October holiday - Monday 16 October to Friday 27 October 2023

Term 2

30 October 2023 to 21 December 2023

- Term starts - Monday 30 October 2023
- In-service day - Friday 17 November 2023
- Term ends - Thursday 21 December 2023
- Christmas holiday - Friday 22 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024

Term 3

8 January 2024 to 31 March 2024

- Term starts - Monday 8 January 2024
- Mid term holiday - Monday 12 February 2024

- In-service day - Tuesday 13 February 2024
- In-service day - Wednesday 14 February 2024
- Term ends - Friday 29 March 2024
- Spring holiday - Monday 1 April to Friday 12 April 2024

Term 4

15 April 2024 to 5 July 2024

- Term starts - Monday 15 April 2024
- May Day holiday - Monday 6 May 2024
- In-service day - Tuesday 7 May 2024
- Term ends - Friday 5 July 2024