



New Entrant
Parent Information Leaflet

Session 2018 -2019



Welcome to Crookfur Primary

Starting school is an exciting time for you and your child. To ensure there is a smooth transition from Nursery to Primary School it is important that you are familiar with the school and know how the first few weeks are organised.

Day 1

Please remember to park in Eastwood High School car park, if required. We have beautiful school grounds, so seize the opportunity at this point to take lots of photographs of your child with family and friends.

Children start school this year on **Wednesday 15th August**. On the first day they should start at **9.10am** and thereafter it will be 9am. Please bring your child into the assembly hall from the entrance beside the car park. Staff will be on hand in the morning to direct you. Feel free to take some photographs at this point. Parents will remain in the hall. The class teacher and buddy will collect your child from the hall and accompany them to their classroom. After that, you can leave them to enjoy their first day! You will be able to watch your child enjoy their first day at school by following our school Twitter account, where we will post lots of photographs throughout the day.

You should collect your child at the P1 classroom door in the playground at **3.15pm** where the teachers will be available to have a chat and help you find any lost property!

Day 2 onwards

Please try to encourage your child to become independent by coming into the classroom on his/her own. Of course you may wish to help your child to change shoes and hang up their coat and staff will also be on hand to help. If the cloakroom is too busy it can be upsetting for the children and so we ask that parents say goodbye in the playground if possible. You can collect your child at 3.15pm in the playground as before.

Play Time

Playtime is great fun! At playtime your child can eat their snack and play with friends outside in the playground. Most children bring a healthy fruit snack to school and a small plastic bottle filled with water.



The playground has distinct areas for each class. Our Janitor and Support Assistants supervise the children. Your child's buddy will help your child to relax and enjoy their break. We also have a Prefect system, where older pupils look

after Primary 1 children. They also look after your child inside school at playtime when it is raining.

We encourage all of our children to help Mr Weir, our janitor, to keep the school beautiful by putting all of their litter in the bin.



Lunch Time

Free school lunches are provided for all Primary 1- 3 children. Copies of these menus can be found on the East Renfrewshire council website.

<http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2788/Nursery-Primary-and-Isobel-Mair-lunch-menu>



Children order their lunch when they arrive in the classroom in the morning. School and packed lunches are eaten in the dining room and lunch is supervised by school staff. Children going home for lunch must be collected from the main office by a parent or carer at 12.35pm.

School Uniform

We like everyone to wear school uniform. Our uniform policy is detailed in the table below.

Primary 1 - 5	Primary 6 - 7
Shirt and tie or Polo shirt & Sweatshirt	Shirt and tie
Grey skirts/pinafore of an acceptable modest length	Grey skirts of an acceptable modest length
Red checked Summer dress	Red checked Summer dress
Grey trousers / shorts	Grey trousers / shorts
Grey or Red v-neck jumper or cardigan	Grey or Red v-neck jumper or cardigan
School reversible jacket / Blazer / Rain jacket	School reversible jacket / Blazer / Rain jacket
Appropriate dark coloured school shoes (not trainers)	Appropriate dark coloured school shoes (not trainers)
Red t-shirt and dark shorts for PE	Red t-shirt and dark shorts for PE
Black gym shoes for indoors	Black gym shoes for indoors
Nursery & P1	
Wellington Boots (to be kept in school)	

You are able to order school uniform online through the school website. Items will be delivered to your home. We will continue to keep a small stock of items in the school.

Children will have two hours of PE every week. Children should bring their PE kit in a bag. The PE bag will be kept on your child's peg and sent home every few weeks to be laundered.

At Crookfur we ask that, for safety reasons, children do not wear jewellery. For PE, children will need gym shoes (best without laces), black shorts and a red t-shirt.



*Please put your child's name on **everything!!***

We like anyone with long hair to tie it back. This helps keep everyone looking neat and tidy as well as making it much less likely that head lice can move from head to head.

Equipment



As well as their uniform your child will also need a school bag, shoe bag, PE bag and water bottle.

Pencil cases are optional - the children are provided with pencils, pens etc in the classroom.

Attendance



If you wish your child to leave school early, for example for a dental appointment, please send a letter to school and report to the School Office. A record of children leaving school is kept there.

If your child is going to be absent we ask that you phone the school office by 9.30am. The phone lines are open from 8.30am. We appreciate your support with this.

If your child is not in school and we do not have a record of a planned absence or appointment we will contact you.

Homework

Your child will receive weekly homework after the September weekend. This will include a selection of activities to reinforce what is being carried out in class.

Baseline Assessment and Developmental Milestones



When your child starts school in August, we use the information from the Nursery as well as East Renfrewshire's Baseline Assessment. They help us find out about your child's knowledge of numbers, letters, rhyme etc. This information helps to ensure children do not repeat things they have already learned and allows them to progress in their learning.

Developmental Milestones Screening is completed in line with requirements of the Scottish Government and is used to give us a clear picture of your child's strengths and next steps.

Parental Involvement

We feel it is essential to ensure parents are fully informed and involved in their child's education. Children are provided with a Communication Diary which can be used for informal notes and message between home and school. The diary will be kept in your child's school bag. Your child will bring home classwork regularly for you to look at. We hold a meeting for you to meet your child's teacher twice a year (October and February). A written report is issued in June.

Parental workshops are held throughout the year to explain to parents how we teach in school and how they can help their child at home. Leaflets are also available to explain how parents can help to support their child. Each class also has a learning blog that can be viewed through the pupil section of the school website.

If you have any questions that you feel we have not answered please do not hesitate to contact us at 0141 570 7120 or pop in - we have an open door policy.

In addition we have an active Parent Council and Parent Staff Fundraising Committee. They are keen to make contact with new parents in the school and can be a great source of information as well as to encourage you to become involved in the wider life of the school.

School Hours

School Begins	9am (Door open from 8.50am)
Morning Interval	10.40 - 10.55am
Lunch	12.35 - 1.35pm
School Closes	3.15pm

Staff

There will be a number of teachers in P1. Your child will work with all of them, however there will be three registration groups and you will have most contact with your child's registration class teacher.



P1A- Mrs Rattray and Mrs O'Meara work together. Mrs Rattray works on Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays. Mrs O'Meara works on alternate Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

P1B- Miss Amin

P1C- Ms Biggart (Principal Teacher) will work with a **Newly Qualified Teacher**. Ms Biggart will have overall pastoral responsibility for P1.

There will be a Pupil Support Assistant (PSA) for Primary 1 some of the time. The PSA will help children in the classroom as well as supervise in the playground.

Mrs Ahmed supports the children who have English as an additional language.

Mrs McGuigan is the Head Teacher

Mrs Slorach is the Depute Head Teacher. She has responsibility for coordinating any additional support for pupils.

Mrs Stewart is the Office Manager



Primary 1
Children's Names

Charlie	Toby	Sarah
Ruairidh	Chenul	Alia
Subhan	Ross	Euan
Rebecca	Olivia-Rose	Orla
Chloe	Ross	Calvin
Emily	Japleen	Harris
Lily	Steven	Joshua
Calan	Zak	Ebony
Ava	YuJoe	Mason
Daniel	Finlay	Benjamin
Sara	Retal	Amelia
Paris	Maddison	Kyler
Erin	Ben	Freya R
Eva	Sarah	Kobe
Leo	Jamie	Maira
Josh	Gabriella	Stella
Ellis	Katie	Clyde
Joey	Millie	Sophie
Sophia	Darcy	Myla
Lewis	Roslyn	Harry
Emma	Emily	Harper
Tia	Isla	Rudi



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