



# Crookfur Primary School

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## Family Centre



Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August

### ***Weekly Round Up***

#### All About Our Class

As a result of current restrictions, we are not able to host our usual open afternoons this term. These sessions are a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to visit classes, look at displays and get a sense of what learning in the classroom is like.

We would like to make sure that you have an idea of your child's school experience this term and class teachers have made Sway presentations as an alternative open afternoon.

The link for your child's class Sway will be e-mailed to you on Monday. It contains a welcome from the teacher as well as some information about classroom routines and learning experiences this term as well as photographs of the classroom.

We know it is not quite the same as visiting school but hope this will help you feel connected and give you an insight into your child's school experience.

#### Responding to Covid-19

I hope the letter issued yesterday on behalf of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has provided useful information and clarity for parents/carers around covid testing.

We do recognise that, as we move into Autumn and Winter, that there will naturally be seasonal illness which will affect children's attendance. Often these symptoms will present as coughs, sneezes, runny noses however if your child displays the following symptoms then you should follow Test and Protect guidance:

- the onset of a persistent cough
- or a temperature/fever
- or a loss of taste or smell

We greatly appreciate your caution and vigilance so far around anyone in your household displaying these symptoms and thank you for your support.

#### Family Centre Update

We are pleased that progress is being made towards opening our Family Centre. In preparation for this, we have developed an action plan to support transition when the time comes. Our action plan will be shared at the Parent Council AGM.

As construction is now well underway, we will share developments through our Family Centre Twitter (@nurserycrookfur) and provide updates on a brand new website. The website is being developed but will be live soon.

Please note that as our returning nursery children and new entrants are currently based in local establishments we do not hold individual contact details on our Crookfur system, therefore we will not be able to send e-mails direct. Please keep an eye on the website and Twitter for updates.

## Uniform

Thank you all for supporting our school uniform policy. The children look very smart coming to school in the morning.

When children have outdoor learning/woodland or outdoor PE then they may come to school wearing their PE kit. We recommend black leggings/joggers and a red polo or t-shirt (no football strips please). Children can also wear trainers on these days.

With seasonal changes in the weather, it is important that children also wear a cardigan or school sweatshirt/jumper. We must keep classroom windows open for ventilation and it can feel cool when the children are sitting at their desks.

For outdoor activities, a waterproof jacket is essential. It would also be helpful if children could bring spare socks and/or a change of leggings/trousers in case they get wet. Whilst we wish to minimise use of the changing rooms and the need for children to change, we do not want children wearing damp clothes.

In addition, on very wet days children might be best to wear their wellies to school and bring their gym shoes/trainers in their bag to change in to for PE. This would help keep their feet dry on the way to and from school and at break/lunchtime.

For art/messy activities, all children should bring an old t-shirt (large) or shirt to protect their uniform. This will be kept in school in their tray or in a bag on their peg.

## Homework

As much as we are delighted to have enjoyed a full return to school, we do recognise that we are establishing a “new normal.” Teachers are working closely with the children to identify where they are in their learning and planning next steps.

We believe that homework should provide the opportunity for children to practice and apply taught skills. Usually we begin to issue homework to P2-P7 at the beginning of September and P1 after the September weekend. In light of all that has happened in the past few months we have decided that homework will begin to be issued across the school from week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Please do not be concerned that we are not beginning to issue homework just yet. We do not wish to over assess the children and understand that children and families need time to adjust to the routine of being back in school. The day at school can be tiring enough without adding further learning tasks at this time.

More information about homework will be issued in due course.

## End of school day

We continue to review procedures at pick up time. Government guidance around physical distancing remains unchanged and consequently we will continue with temporary staggered start and home times. The one way system must also remain in operation to enable P2 parents and children to leave as P1 parents arrive.

I know that the pavement outside the school can become quite busy and I urge parents/carers to distance as much as possible. In addition, it is recommended that you wear a face covering where it is difficult to maintain 2m distance.

Please do not arrive too early for pick up and leave without delay. If siblings are leaving at different times, P5 and P7 children can wait with a member of school staff at the cycle track for their younger brothers and sisters, enabling parents/carers to arrive in time for the 3.15pm collection only.

Please avoid crowding at the school gates.

Eastwood High School have contacted the school to raise concerns that young children are being allowed to play in their grounds. There has been some damage to small trees caused by children climbing/swinging on them. In the spirit of maintaining good relationships with our neighbours, I ask that you please do not allow your children to play in the grounds of the High School.

Parent Council

A reminder that our Parent Council AGM is scheduled to take place via Zoom on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The Parent Council issued a letter to all parents/carers last week along with a short survey to gather your views.

Use the link below to access a copy of the letter in full

[Parent Council Letter Aug 20](#)

To ensure that our Parent Council effectively represents your views please take a few minutes to complete their survey using this link <https://forms.gle/2fqFUJm9qN3t1xE99>

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

Sheena McGuigan

Head teacher