



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



20th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I know that you will be aware of the announcement made yesterday by the First Minister and the changes to government guidance that will come into effect soon. I'm sure many of our families will have to change the plans that they have made for the festive period, and I have no doubt that this will be hugely upsetting for you all.

At present, we are awaiting further guidance from the Scottish Government around the return to school and nursery in January, however I thought it would be helpful to clarify the current position. Please see the information detailed below:

Date	Information
Week beginning 21 st Dec	Crookfur Family Centre open as planned (close 1pm on Thurs 24 th Dec)
Tuesday 5 th January – Friday 9 th January	Crookfur Primary School and Family Centre will reopen for staff and to provide emergency childcare for the children of keyworkers and some other children.
	All other children will have an additional 4 days holiday.
Monday 11 th January – Friday 15 th January	Crookfur Primary School and Family Centre open to provide learning hub for the children of keyworkers and some other children.
	All other children learning at home.
Monday 18 th January	Anticipated re-opening of School and Family Centre (subject to Scottish Government review)

As much as an extra 4 days holiday might be met with great excitement, I'm sure that some children will be worried by the prospect of school closure. Please reassure the children that, just as before, all of the staff will be working in school and they will be able to keep in touch with their teachers and friends through Google Classroom.

We are in a much stronger position to implement hub provision and home learning than we were in March this year and I am confident that teachers are well placed to provide high quality online learning experiences for children week beginning 11th January.

When further guidance becomes available, we will be able to confirm access to emergency childcare places for the children of key workers. As before, use of the hub should only be considered when there is no other alternative but it will be there for those who really need it.

From 5th Jan – 9th Jan we will be able to make arrangements to support families who require access to a digital device.

Whilst a return to remote learning is a contingency that no one wished to see, I do hope that this short term response will be sufficient, protecting the health of our loved ones and ultimately saving lives.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas.

Kindest regards

Sheena McQuigan

Head Teacher