



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you were able to enjoy the holiday weekend – I am sure that the snow helped provide some much needed entertainment for the children.

Covid-19 Update

We are continuing to plan for the phased re-opening of the school and family centre from 22nd February. More detailed information will follow for the parents/carers of children in the family centre and P1-3, however some general information is noted below:

- ✓ All children should attend the family centre for their full entitlement and on the days allocated. There will be no further provision for the children of key workers at the family centre.
- ✓ Children in P1-P3 will attend school. This will include the P3 children in our P3/4 composite class, but not the P4 children in this class who will continue remote learning.
- ✓ In-school provision will still be available for children of keyworkers and other identified children across P4-7.
- ✓ Staggered school day timings will continue as follows:

P2 children and keyworker provision 8.55am – 3.00pm

P1 and P3 children- 9.05am-3.15pm

School Provision

With the planned phased return to school, I understand that some parents/carers who have been working from home or on a rota e.g. school staff, may now require access to provision in school.

The requirements for essential childcare continue to be that both parents/carers must be keyworkers who are unable to work from home and have no alternative child care provision.

If you will require keyworker provision from week beginning 22nd February, please contact the school office directly SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk and a member of school staff will be happy to help.

Standardised Testing

East Renfrewshire's programme of standardised testing for reading and maths is usually carried out in February. Tests are given to children in P3, P5 and P7 and provide teachers with a wealth of information about children's strengths and help us to plan next steps in learning. Unfortunately, as a result of the school closure this year's programme has had to be postponed.

At present I do not have any further information about when testing will be arranged. Whilst we do value the information that we gain from the tests, especially in helping to identify learning loss, we will ensure that our priority for children is supporting their health and wellbeing upon their return to school.

East Renfrewshire Standards and Quality Report 2019-20 and Local Improvement Plan 2021-24

The Education Department Standards and Quality Report for session 2019-20 has been published. This report evaluates the authority's performance, highlighting strengths and next steps. These next steps then inform the Local Improvement Plan.

Both documents are available to download via the council website using the link below. I will also add them to our school website.

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/department-performance-information>

Global Festival

In today's assembly, we really enjoyed the videos shared by some of our children to celebrate Chinese New Year. I hope this will have inspired you to join our Global festival celebration as we would love as many families as possible to participate.

We are taking notes of interest up until next Friday (19th) so please complete the form below. Many thanks 😊

[Global Festival Note of Interest Form](#)

Family Centre Update

Remote Learning and Hub

There has been a range of learning experiences both on the blog and taking place in the hub this week. These have included exploring symmetry, practising our ball skills and learning about Chinese New Year through the wonderful SWAY that was created by the staff team. We hope you have enjoyed watching the stories, rhymes and trying out some of the ideas. A new addition to our blog today is our virtual playroom. This includes ideas to support some of our favourite types of play at Crookfur.

Next week we will continue to use the blog to provide some suggestions for learning at home, there will also be another recorded Bookbug session for you and your child to enjoy, as well as videos to support your child's planned return to nursery the following week.

As we mentioned before, we are really keen to capture all this learning in the children's profiles even while they are not physically with us. We will take photographs from our twitter feed and include these within profiles. We are aware that not everyone accesses our twitter so please feel free to email us a comment about any 'magic moments' taking place at home. This could be linked to the ideas in the learning blog or about your child's general development e.g. maybe they have mastered a new skill, maybe they have become more independent etc. We will copy your statement into your child's profile as well as any photos you may send in. The email address is SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk.

Staff Videos

Staff have created videos to say hello to each of their groups, these have been put on our blog.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/crookfurnursery/latest-news/>

Key staff will send another little video to their group next week.

ELC Applications

Just a reminder that the online application form for 3 and 4 year olds due to start nursery between August 2021 and March 2022 closes on Sunday 28th February. It can be accessed by clicking the link below.

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/nursery-places>

Finally...

We continue to improve and refine our remote learning offer and are grateful for the feedback children and families have shared about their experiences. In preparation for the return to school, teachers in P1-P3 will begin to support transition through Google Classrooms next week.

We hope that the situation will continue to improve and that we will have a clearer indication of how the phased re-opening can progress soon. I know that all of the children are working hard but continuing to learn at home will be difficult for our middle and upper school children, especially if their siblings are able to return to school. We will ensure that when your child returns to school we will prioritise re-connection, supporting their wellbeing and friendships as well as their learning.

If you have any questions or any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school (0141 570 7120; SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support,

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Friday 12th February – Sun 14th February – Chinese New Year

Tuesday 16th February – Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 17th February – Ash Wednesday

Monday 22nd February – Provisional phased re-opening of school (P1-3) and family centre

Wednesday 24th February – Digital Learning Day