



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid -19 Update

I know you will be aware of reported rates of Covid-19 across East Renfrewshire, but we welcome the news that we will continue within Level 2 restrictions for the time being. In order to ensure that we minimise any risk of transmission we are continuing to reinforce all safety messages with staff and children.

Thank you all for your support in following our one-way system, wearing face coverings in and around the school grounds and maintaining 2m distancing at pick up and drop off times.

I have attached a flyer with this newsletter which highlights the asymptomatic testing facility in Barrhead's Cowan Park and an additional site in the Woodfarm Education Centre car park in Thornliebank. The NHS has increased testing capacity across the area in light of the rising numbers and in the hope that community participation in this testing will help prevent onwards transmission, particularly where symptoms are not apparent.

More information is available on the website here -

<https://covid.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3708/Covid-19-testing-centres>

A reminder that if a child or any adult in your home becomes symptomatic (temperature, new persistent cough, loss/change in taste or smell) they should book a PCR test straight away and should not attend school/nursery. The whole household must isolate until the outcome of the PCR test is known.

If a child or adult becomes symptomatic in school, we have clear protocols for them to safely wait until they are able to leave.

If a case of Covid-19 is confirmed over the weekend, please contact the school by e-mail (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk). This will allow us to begin contact tracing.

Uniform

Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy. It is a real pleasure to see the children coming in to school dressed so smartly.

Although the weather has been quite mixed, we do try to have the children playing and learning outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof jacket/cagoule with a hood to school every day in case of rain.

P1 induction

Mrs Jamieson and I have given careful consideration to our P1 transition programme and letters with details of parent/carer information sessions and school visits will be sent out on Monday next week. We have taken account of local and national guidance to ensure that planned visits for children are as safe as possible, whilst providing a quality experience for the children to help them become familiar with the school and some of the staff.

It was lovely to join the Crookfur Family Centre coffee and chat session for parents of children moving on to school on Wednesday this week, and I am really looking forward to meeting our new children and parents soon.

We have worked closely with colleagues in our Mearns neighbourhood to ensure that all of the new P1 children will benefit from similar transition experiences regardless of their present nursery or new school.

In Crookfur, we will enlist the help of our current P1 children to share what they think that a child starting school might need to know. Last year's videos were incredibly popular and I am sure we will have many willing volunteers this session.

Bikeability

As P5-P7 parents will know our level 1 and 2 Bikeability will be taking place in June. We are very excited to provide these sessions and a letter has been sent to all P5-P7 parents detailing the equipment needed, session content and dates.

Each year our P 5 and 6 take part in Bikeability training (previously called Cycling Proficiency). Over recent years we have developed basic skills at level 1, in our school playground, with children in P5. In P6 skills have then progressed by taking children onto nearby roads in order to get some practice of real roads, junctions and traffic. This has always been hugely successful and improved the children's experience significantly.

This year our P5 children will complete level 1 training as with every year. As Primary 6 children were unable to do this last year we are going to provide them with level 1 training. They will then complete level 2 in Primary 7 next session.

As P7 have missed level 2 they will complete these sessions in June.

The dates for these sessions are detailed below as a reminder to parents:

Date	Stages	Time
Wednesday 2nd June	P5a	9.15 to 12.15
Friday 4th June	P5b	9.15 to 12.15
Wednesday 9th June	P6a	9.15 to 12.45
Friday 11th June	P6b	9.15 to 12.45
Monday 7th June	P7a	9.15 to 12.15
Monday 14th June	P7b	9.15 to 12.15
Wednesday 16th June	P7a	9.15 to 12.15
Thursday 17th June	P7b	9.15 to 12.15

As stated in the letters the instructors will be unable to check bikes and helmets prior to the training so please ensure that you complete this prior to the visit. I have attached the video link sent in the letter as a reminder <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SA0aSdj5FC4>

On the days your child is carrying out Bikeability we will help direct them in the safe storing of bikes, as the bike shed will naturally be busier than usual. If your child has a padlock we recommend they bring it with them on the day to lock up their bikes when not in use. As we still have staggered break and lunches we will carry out our level 1 sessions in the skate park at the bottom of the school. As well as instructors, children will be supported by trained staff within the school.

We will send out text reminders prior to your child's Bikeability sessions.

Holiday Weekend

A reminder that next week school will be closed on Friday 28th May and Monday 31st May. We will re-open on Tuesday 1st June (8.55am P2, P5 & P7; 9.05am P1, P3, P4 & P6)

Please stay safe and enjoy the weekend.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th May – P7 alternative residential week

Tuesday 1st June – P1 New Entrant Parent/Carer Information Evening, (information issued separately)

Friday 28th May – School closed May holiday

Monday 31st May – School closed May holiday

Tuesday 1st June – School re-opens

Monday 7th June – Tempest photographer to take P1 and P7 class photographs

Monday 7th June – Friday 11th June – Sports Week (more details to follow)

Friday 11th June – P1 New Entrant induction visit 1 (information issued separately)

Monday 14th June - P1 New Entrant Parent/Carer Information Evening, (information issued separately)

Tuesday 15th June – Last day for brass and woodwind applications; Parent Council meeting, 8pm

Friday 18th June – Jotters home to parents/carers; P1 New Entrant induction visit 2 (information issued separately)

Monday 21st June-EWH transition Sports day for P7

Tuesday 22nd June EWH transition visit day for P7

Friday 25th June – School closes for summer holidays