



# Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very busy week in Crookfur as we have welcomed lots of new children, families and staff. I hope that your children are happy to be back at school after the summer and are looking forward to the term ahead. I have been visiting all of the classes this week and I am impressed by how quickly the children have settled in class and the leadership they have shown in agreeing class rules, planning how they would like their classroom to be arranged and how they would like their learning to be displayed.

I can't wait to see the environments take shape and hope that we will be able to share this with you in person soon. Until then, please keep an eye on our Twitter feed and class blogs for an insight into life in Crookfur.

## Covid -19 Guidance

As you will know guidance for schools around self isolation and how contact tracing is carried out has changed. You should have received a letter sent on behalf of the NHS with further information for you. I have attached this letter again today for your information and will post it on the school website.

## Drop off and Pick up

At the beginning of term the gates can be a bit congested as the children get used to the systems for drop off and pick up. This is only natural and I am confident that it will settle down next week. I have noted a few key points below to make pick up and drop off as easy and as safe as possible for everyone.

- ✓ For the time being, we request that face coverings are worn by adults in school grounds and by those waiting at the school gates
- ✓ At least 1m distancing should be observed between adults at all times
- ✓ To keep congestion to a minimum only **one** parent/carer should enter school grounds (P1 and P2 only) or wait at the gates (P3-P7)
- ✓ P1 parents/carers collect their children in the P1 playground. **No other adults should enter the playground before or after school.**
- ✓ Children are not permitted to play on school grounds at the end of the day. When you have collected your child(ren) please move away from the school grounds promptly.
- ✓ Children can be collected from the gate at the car park if you will be moving off to the Patterton side. Class teachers will pause to enable children to cross at the zebra to meet parents/carers.
- ✓ We operate a one way system at drop off and pick up. *The exception to this is P1 at the end of the day who can leave via the footpath towards Eastwood High School. If your child is in P1 and you are going to the Patterton side of the school, please continue along the front of the school past the main reception and down the one way system at our car park.*

We do want to help families as much as possible and know that a number of you are collecting siblings. We can arrange for P1 and P2 parents/carers to collect infants (P1-3) together. Children in P4-7 can wait for their parent/carer at the cycle track if needed. Please contact the school office to let us know the children you are collecting and their classes in order for us to collate this information ([SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)). If you do not contact the school, teachers will dismiss your child from the gate.

If you would like an older sibling to collect your P1 or P2 child, please e-mail the school office to confirm this arrangement ([SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)).

## **Pupil Leadership and Committees**

Last session children were nominated for committees at the start of the year, however due to Covid restrictions it was very difficult for the groups to meet and work together. In order for the children who were elected last year to have the experience of representing their classmates on a committee, these children will become this year's committee members if they wish.

Mr McMillan has met with all of the children and where any child would not like to continue, an election will be held.

We will issue badges and introduce our pupil groups to you next week.

## **Class Blogs**

To share learning and school events, each class will update their own blog. Blogs can be accessed through the school website. We have already set up our new P1 class blogs and all other classes will be added next week 😊

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur/pupils/class-blogs/>

## **Prefecting and P1 Buddies**

Primary 7 are very happy that we have been able to start prefecting fully again this session. They will be applying for this role and play an essential part in the smooth running of playtimes and lunchtimes, we are looking forward to having their expertise in the playground.

We are also pleased to be able to re-introduce a buddy system to Crookfur Primary. Our Primary 6 children will be taking on the role of buddying for our new Primary 1 children. They are very much looking forward to this. Starting next week, Primary 1 children will receive a letter from their buddy with a picture to help recognise them in and around the school. Buddies will help in the lunch room as well as taking children to their playground after lunch. We will also arrange some fun activities to help them get to know each other. Mrs Slorach spoke with our Primary 6 children who are delighted to have this opportunity.

## **A Message from the Parent Council**

The Parent Council would like to welcome all the new parents/carers to Crookfur, as well as welcoming back all our returning parents/carers. The Parent Council is a group of parents which works with the school and local authority to represent all parents and carers at Crookfur. We are quite an active group, meeting regularly with school management to work together to make Crookfur the very best it can be. The chair of the Parent Council, Denny Henderson, will send an email to all parents next week with a bit more information about the Parent Council and the other parent groups. In the meantime, you can get more information on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/641159122756737>.

The children seem to have settled into school so well this week, so a big thank you to all the school staff for all their hard work and thoughtfulness. We are all looking forward to a more "normal" and busy year ahead.

## **Primary One**

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how proud we are of all our new primary one children. They have coped extremely well with their first full week of school. I am sure that they will be very tired and will sleep well this weekend!

The children have spent lots of time this week exploring their new environment, getting to know each other and getting used to new routines such as playtime and lunchtime. We will continue to reinforce all these routines although it has been lovely to observe the children's growing confidence around the playground and lunchroom.

## PE Days and Outdoor Learning

Class	PE (Hall)	PE (Outdoor Pitch)
P1A	Monday	Friday
P1B	Tuesday	Thursday
P1C	Thursday	Wednesday
P2A	Tuesday	Thursday
P2B	Monday	Wednesday
P2C	Thursday	Friday
P3A	Wednesday	Monday
P3B	Wednesday	Friday
P3C	Friday	Wednesday
P4A	Thursday	Tuesday
P4B	Tuesday	Friday
P4/5	Thursday	Friday
P5A	Monday	Thursday
P5B	Tuesday	Friday
P6A	Friday	Monday
P6B	Friday	Tuesday
P7A	Wednesday	Thursday
P7B	Monday	Thursday

A reminder that children should wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. Woodland and outdoor timetables will follow.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan  
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