



# Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Covid -19 Guidance**

Thank you to all parents and carers for continuing to respect our ongoing Covid safety measures during drop off and collection times. We appreciate your support and thank you for wearing face coverings during these busy times and adhering to social distancing measures.

Following the recent changes in guidance around self-isolation, I can confirm that where a member of a household develops any of the main symptoms (persistent cough, loss of taste or smell and/or a fever), it is essential that ALL members of the household isolate as close contacts. The symptomatic individual should get a PCR test as soon as possible. Where the result of the test is negative, all members of the household can end their isolation. Where the result is positive, the other members of the household, being considered close contacts, should follow the guidance on testing and self-isolation (being that a negative PCR test means they can end isolation when under 18 or when doubly vaccinated).

A positive Lateral Flow Test should be considered as any other positive test result. Following a positive Lateral Flow Test, whilst the positive individual awaits a confirmatory PCR test, ALL household members should isolate until they themselves have been tested and returned a negative result (where under 18 and doubly vaccinated).

## **All About Our Class Sways**

I know that you will be keen to find out about more about your child's class and their teacher. Whilst some children will tell you all about their new routines, some won't tell you very much at all 😊.

As we are not able to have an open afternoon at the moment for you to pop in and spend some time in your child's class, we have developed some short presentations to give you a little insight into your child's school experience. These will be e-mailed directly to you.

## **Pupil Leadership**

### *House Captains & Prefects*

Our House System is a very important part of our school and is the way in which we promote and reward our school values. Each year, Primary Seven children are elected to be House Captains to represent their peers across the school and act as ambassadors for their House. Children who would like to be considered for the role have been asked to submit an application, detailing their skills and strengths relevant to these much coveted positions.

Our P7 staff team and Mr McMillan will shortlist these applications and successful candidates will have the opportunity to create a video, sharing their campaign for election. Their peers will then be able to vote for their chosen House Captains. We hope that these videos will be created over the next week or so, ready for voting to take place week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September and our House Captains will be announced by the end of September.

We encourage all children to participate in leadership roles in the school and to take on additional responsibilities. It is highly commendable for children to nominate themselves, knowing that only 8 children will ultimately be selected to be House Captains. We celebrate all of the children who are willing to put themselves forward for consideration and we do hope that although it may be disappointing if they are not chosen, they will recognise that there are many opportunities for them to contribute to the life of the school.

We have been fortunate to have so many P7 children volunteer to be prefects with some keen to assume the role of Senior Prefect. This has been a real help in the playground, especially with younger children, where our prefects organise games and activities, help children if they have fallen over or had a bump and make sure that everyone is able to join in.

### *P6 Buddies*

Our P6 children have been doing an amazing job as buddies for P1. We can see how much they have enjoyed making friends and getting to know each other with lots of smiles and delight when they meet up in the lunchroom.

Buddies help P1 children to tidy up their things in the lunchroom, walk them to their cloakroom to help them get ready to go out to play. There will also be some buddy afternoons later in the term where the children can work together.

### *Pupil Committees*

Today class representatives for our pupil committees were awarded their badges. They should wear these every day. Our committees this year are as follows:

- ✓ Eco and Sustainability Committee
- ✓ Pupil Council
- ✓ Pupil Leadership Team
- ✓ Rights Respecting Schools Group
- ✓ Sports Committee

Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be selected from P6 and we will introduce them to you soon. They will work to support our Road Safety campaigns and highlight road safety messages to children across the school.

### **Parent Council Update**

A reminder that our first Parent Council meeting of the year and AGM will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. This will be held on Zoom and joining instructions will be issued in advance of the meeting. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact our Parent Council for more information on [crookfurparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:crookfurparentcouncil@gmail.com)

### **Homework**

We will start to issue homework to P2-P7 next week. Homework is issued weekly on Tuesdays to be returned on the following Monday and information and instructions are uploaded on the class Google Classroom.

Further information for parents/carers and homework helpers will be issued on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. This will include a note of the dates/weeks that homework will be issued across the year.

For Primary One, homework will begin to be issued following the September weekend holiday. We know that the little ones are just getting used to the long days and full weeks at school just now. P1 teachers have asked that children log in to Glow and to Google Classroom to accept the invitation to join their class. If your child is unsure of their login details, please contact the class teacher or school office ([SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)).

### **Board Games**

Mrs McKim hopes to start a board games lunch club for some of the children. If you have any board games at home that are in good condition but aren't being played with, then she is very happy to accept any donations. Many thanks in advance.

## Non-Class Contact Update

I apologise for any confusion with the listings for P2 NCC last week – especially having Mrs McKim in two places at once. Please see below the correct NCC times for P2.

Class	Day	Teacher
P2A	Wednesday pm	Mrs McKim
P2B	Monday pm, Tuesday	Mrs McKim
P2C	Thursday pm	Mrs McKim

## Forms

Thank you for your prompt return of the flu immunisation consent forms. Any outstanding forms should be returned in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

Annual data check forms, local area consent forms and general after school club consents have been issued today. Please complete and return these to school as soon as possible. Please note that all dietary requirements (including cultural and lifestyle) appear on the annual data check under medical information. For continuing students who have already completed medical and dietary forms, please check that this information is accurate and we will carry this information forward. If your child's medical or dietary requirements have changed or need to be updated, please contact the school office (0141 570 7120; [SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk))

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan  
Head Teacher

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Parent Council Meeting and AGM, 7pm, Zoom (details to follow)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September – School closed September holiday weekend

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September- School closed September holiday weekend

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October – School closed October holiday

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October – In Service Day for staff, school closed for children

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – School re-opens, 9am