



# Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## Covid -19 Guidance

There are no changes to our current guidance or safety measures in place. As you will be aware, a 'warn and inform' letter is issued in the event of any positive cases identified within our school. This letter is intended to ensure that pupils, families and staff are made aware when there are cases within settings and, importantly, to remind them of the public health measures that they should be continuing to take to minimise risks of transmission.

A reminder 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

We have received very positive feedback about our class sway presentations, issued last week. Thank you for taking the time to view them – we hope that you found them informative and helpful.

## P1 Virtual Coffee and Chat Sessions

We would like to invite our Primary 1 parents to a virtual class coffee and chat. These sessions will take place through Google Meet, the links for each meeting are included below:

Class P1A	Tuesday 21st September, 10am – 10.30am	<a href="https://meet.google.com/zdd-byhw-nnq?hs=122&amp;authuser=0">https://meet.google.com/zdd-byhw-nnq?hs=122&amp;authuser=0</a>
Class P1B	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 10.30am	<a href="https://meet.google.com/wxf-srrq-agk?hs=122&amp;authuser=0">https://meet.google.com/wxf-srrq-agk?hs=122&amp;authuser=0</a>
Class P1C	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September, 10am – 10.30am	<a href="https://meet.google.com/vyv-tsxo-zbv?hs=122&amp;authuser=0">https://meet.google.com/vyv-tsxo-zbv?hs=122&amp;authuser=0</a>

These sessions will allow parents to meet their child's teacher, albeit virtually, and have a general chat about life in Primary 1. We will provide information about homework as this will be starting the following week. There will also be time for any general questions that parents may have.

## Homework

We have issued homework this week to children across P2-P7. We have a helpful information guide available on our school website. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur/parents/homework-information/>

If your child is unsure of their login details for Google Classroom, please contact the class teacher or school office ([SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)).

## **Uniform and Lost Property**

Thank you to all of our families for your support in promoting school uniform every day. All of the children look so smart!

We have already collected several items of lost property. Staff all try incredibly hard to reunite owners with missing items. Following every break and lunch time, staff and prefects gather belongings left in the playground and return them to classes. This is a lot easier with named items and so please check that your child's name is written clearly.

Whilst we will always work to ensure that property is returned, we will also stress to the children that they must look after their own belongings, helping them to understand that they have a responsibility to pick up their own jumpers/jackets/lunch boxes/ water bottles.

If your child mistakenly brings home something that is not theirs, please send it back into school and we will return it.

## **Nut Allergies**

A reminder that we have several children in school who experience severe allergy to nuts or any products containing nuts. We would therefore ask that you do not give your child any snack/lunch with products containing nuts. Thank you for helping us to be a 'Nut Free School'!

## **Parent Council Update – Denny Henderson (Chair of the Parent Council)**

The Parent Council AGM took place on Wednesday night. Denny presented the Chair's report of activities in 2020/21 including the financial statement which is summarised in this Sway <https://sway.office.com/uIPdHI9cNfoMzfWG>.

The new Parent Council reps are Krys Kujawa, Jenni MacKinnon and James Campbell representing P1 and Laura Crichton representing P5.

Denny was re-elected as Chair, as was Kari Gillies as Vice Chair and Ailsa Munro as Secretary. Gillian Plews has stepped down as Treasurer after doing this role superbly for the last few years, and this role was taken up by James Campbell.

The first meeting took place immediately after the AGM. We discussed a wide range of topics including the P7 residential, the Collaborative Improvement Visit, potential funding requests from the school, the proposed extension, congestion at collection and school lunches. As always, there was lots of discussion and Mrs McGuigan and Mrs Slorach kindly answered our questions. The minutes to the meeting will be issued shortly with the full details, but please speak to one of the PC reps if you have any questions or drop us an email at [CrookfurParentCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:CrookfurParentCouncil@gmail.com).

## **Collaborative Improvement Visit**

Next week our school and Family Centre will participate in a Collaborative Improvement Visit. This is part of a pilot approach to quality assurance and improvement. Teachers and practitioners, alongside visiting representatives of the education department, will carry out learning visits in classes. Joint feedback will be provided on the experiences observed. There will also be a review of documentation and staff, pupil and parent/carer focus groups.

The key themes that will be considered will be:

Learning, teaching and assessment,

Family engagement and collaborative partnerships

Ethos and culture (inclusion & equity and personalised learning)

The visit will take place Mon-Thus next week and the team will produce a report following the visit.

This is a very ambitious undertaking in the current climate, but the staff are very dedicated and keen to be part of this in order to continue their professional development and ultimately support our journey to improvement.

I am sure the children will enjoy the opportunity to share their learning and talk about their school experiences, identifying things they are happy with and ways to make school life even better.

I look forward to sharing the identified key strengths and next steps in due course.

### **Communication**

Thank you for your prompt return of the annual data information. A reminder to please ensure that our school office has up to date contact details for parents and carers, including mobile phone numbers and current e-mail addresses. Our main means of communication is via e-mail.

Remember to access our school website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur> and follow our Twitter feed @CrookfurPrimary for updated school news and events. Many thanks.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan  
Head Teacher

### **Dates for your diary**

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