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Dear parents and carers,

### End of Year Message

As the academic year comes to a close, who would have imagined that we would experience such a strange and challenging time. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our school community for their support since 20<sup>th</sup> March. I have said this before, but it needs repeating...asking parents to support their child with home learning was a huge ask, so we really appreciate the time and effort that parents and children put into this. It has also been wonderful to see the photos of families spending time together and doing lovely activities. I would like to say thanks to the staff who have risen to the challenge of teaching remotely and have made sure that they have supported the pupils in new and imaginative ways. In addition, staff have been working throughout this period supporting our families and teaching in key worker and class 'bubbles'.

It has been so important to everyone at Crookhill to stay in touch with our families throughout this time and we will continue to support you, if needed throughout the summer holidays. Staff will be in contact with families during the holidays about returning to school in September. Also keep an eye out for special messages and deliveries. As always, if you need to contact us for anything, please email, text or leave a voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

### School will reopen again on 7<sup>th</sup> September for children in Y1 to Y6

Since the government's announcement that all pupils will return to school full-time in September, everyone at Crookhill has been working hard to ensure that school is fully prepared for reopening. Planning and organising reopening is a vast and complex task and we are following all government and local authority guidance. Robust and rigorous risk assessments and planning have been carried out to ensure the safety and welfare of our pupils and their families, staff and their families and the wider community. It is important that everyone in our school community plays their part to ensure that everyone remains safe and healthy. Please can you read through the information on the school website so that you are fully aware of the plans and procedures in place [https://www.crookhillprimary.org/website/september\\_reopening\\_information/499561](https://www.crookhillprimary.org/website/september_reopening_information/499561)

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I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and continued patience in this matter. If there are any changes then I will update you as soon as possible. Please keep checking our Facebook page and website for information. If you have any questions, please email [crookhillprimary@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:crookhillprimary@gateshead.gov.uk) , text or leave a voice message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

### **Recovery Curriculum**

The return to school must be a positive experience for everyone and we have been working really hard to develop an appropriate curriculum for September. The children have missed out on so much: socialising, interacting with their peers and being part of a class. This has also been a traumatic period for many and we need to ensure that our curriculum supports mental health and wellbeing as well as education. Teaching has been carefully planned for the next year so that any gaps in learning will be covered without cramming and overloading the curriculum. However, most importantly, in September, we need to be mindful of what the children have experienced, their wellbeing and we need to focus on re-establishing routines, rebuilding relationships and helping children get back into the 'rhythm of school life'.

### **Goodbye Year Six!**

It has been lovely to have some of our Y6 children back in school for the last 2 weeks. Everyone is really sad that their time at Crookhill ended in such an abrupt and strange way but we are looking forward to our socially distanced leavers picnic on Thursday. Everyone at Crookhill is very proud of our wonderful Y6 children and wish them all well for the future.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again in September. There will be different routines and procedures in place and there may be more challenges ahead. Our Crookhill team will do their very best to make the children's return to school a highly positive experience.

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support, patience and positivity and we will see you all again in September.

Yours sincerely,



Miss K. McCormack

Head Teacher

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