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Dear Parents/Carers

Reopening of Aberuthven Primary School

We are looking forward to welcoming back our children and young people from the start of the new term on 11 August 2020.

We recognise the many challenges you have been facing as you juggle childcare, supporting home learning and working from home and would thank you for your support with online and at home learning since schools were closed in March.

Planning for the re-opening of schools has focused on maximising the amount of time children and young people will spend in school, as frequently as possible, as safely as possible. This has been guided by the key principles identified by the Scottish Government as well as consultation with professional associations, staff and feedback from parents and carers through the Council's informal poll on social media.

Our [framework](#) for the re-opening of schools was outlined recently by Sheena Devlin, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services on the Council's website: www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools.

Attendance Information

You have now received information regarding your child's attendance group and the days which they will attend School from August 2020. This was issued to all Parents & Pupils via Seesaw.

First Week of Term:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday 10 th August 2020 | Staff Inservice/ Pupil Holiday |
| Tuesday 11 th August 2020 | Group 1 Pupils |
| Thursday 13 th August 2020 | Group 2 Pupils |
| Friday 14 th August 2020 | Group 2 Pupils |

Every week after this:

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| Monday | Group 1 Pupils |
| Tuesday | Group 1 Pupils |
| Thursday | Group 2 Pupils |
| Friday | Group 2 Pupils |

Home Learning

As of the week beginning Monday 17th August 2020 a 'Home Learning Grid' will be posted on Seesaw which will provide work for all Pupils to complete on the days they are not in School.

Home learning will complement and reinforce the learning taking place in School.

Staff will mark and provide feedback for any work submitted on a weekly basis.

The Council's [Remote Learning Hub](#) is also available for parents, pupils and staff to access key information and guidance whilst working and learning from home.

School Day Timings from August 2020

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|------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Class 1(Primary 1 & 2) | 9.00am | Arrive at School |
| | 10.15-10.30am | Break |
| | 12.00-12.30pm | Lunch |
| | 12.30- 1.00pm | Lunchtime Play |
| | 3.00pm | Leave School |

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|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Class 2 (Primary 4,5,6,7) | 9.15am | Arrive at School |
| | 10.30-10.45am | Break |
| | 12.30-1.00pm | Lunch |
| | 1.00 -1.30pm | Lunchtime Play |
| | 3.15pm | Leave School |

Please note the rear School Playground will be unavailable in the morning. Pupils should arrive at School at the time specified above for their class and not before.

On arrival pupils will:

- stand on the white circle markings in the front playground;
- be brought into School one at a time to allow distancing when hanging their coat and washing their hands;
- line up on the markers outside their classroom.

On leaving School building pupils will:

- exit one at a time or in family groups.

Arrival and pick-up times must be staggered to comply with social distancing protocol. One Adult is permitted to wait on the white circle markings with their child in the morning. However, in the afternoon Parents should stop at the School gate and adhere to social distancing guidance whilst waiting for your child to exit the School.

Uniform

Pupils should come to School wearing freshly, clean clothes each day. It would be preferable if pupils wore School uniform (or at least their School jumper) however can wear casual clothes if necessary.

Pupil Belongings/ PE Kit/ Pencil Cases etc

Pupils should bring:

- a waterproof jacket
- indoor shoes to change in to/ shoes for PE
- a snack
- lunchbox (if required)
- a labelled water bottle

Pupils will be provided with their own pencil, rubber etc to use in class.

Lunchtime

Pupils in Primary 1-3 and pupils who normally receive Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch by Tayside Contracts. All other pupils must bring a packed lunch with them.

Water Bottles

We are unable to provide access to our School water fountain; therefore, pupils must bring in their own, **labelled** water bottle each day.

Health and Safety

Schools have been working hard on their health and safety assessments and staff, pupils and parents will see some changes when they come to school. On arrival and departure from school, there will be provision for sanitising hands. Everyone in school will wash their hands frequently throughout the day and pupils will be reminded of the importance of hand and respiratory hygiene.

Classrooms will be laid out in line with physical distancing guidelines, and resources for learning will be selected to ensure they can be easily cleaned. It is planned that we will limit the number of times equipment and resources are physically passed between home and school, however, where this is necessary, we will look at ways of limiting the number of people in contact with equipment or how we can maintain clean resources. Your child's class teacher will be able to provide more information on how this will be done.

The frequency of the formal cleaning in school will be increased, and in addition, staff will be carrying out spot cleaning throughout the day.

If staff have to administer personal care for a pupil, or if a pupil requires first aid, the appropriate PPE will be worn. However, the focus for everyone in school will be practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene, frequent cleaning and physical distancing.

Critical Childcare for Key Workers

The school will provide childcare from 11 August during school opening hours for those families who have been approved as having key worker status in PKC. Please follow the link below to apply centrally to Perth & Kinross Council:

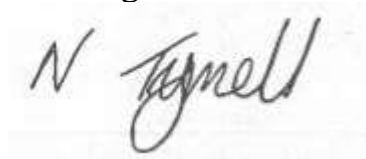
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Communication

From August onwards, any Parent who wishes to contact School, should do so via telephone or email.

We look forward to welcoming all children back into our school and would assure you we are taking every precaution to ensure they, and our staff, are as safe as can be when they return. Please do not hesitate to get in touch to discuss any of the above information further.

Kind regards



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