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Dear Parents/Carers

Further Update on the Re-opening of Perth and Kinross Schools in August 2020

As you are aware, the Deputy first Minister announced on Tuesday 23 June that local authorities should plan for the re-opening of schools for all pupils full-time from August, subject to further confirmation that it is safe to do so.

Colleagues across Education and Children's Services are working closely with our staff, trade unions and Parent Councils to prepare for the re-opening of all Perth and Kinross schools in August 2020, if it continues to be safe to do so.

Further to my recent letter to you on Monday 22nd June 2020, I can confirm some further details about the planned re-opening of Aberuthven PS in August 2020.

Attendance

In-Service Days – 10 and 11 August 2020

The designated in-service days are confirmed as Monday 10 August and Tuesday 11 August 2020 as agreed with the Teaching Unions. This marks a change to the previously indicated arrangements.

Phased Return of Pupils – 12-14 August 2020

The first week of the new term will have a phased return to school for all Perth and Kinross pupils. This will enable focused time for induction for new pupils and reorientation back into the school building for current pupils. I can advise the following phased return arrangements will be in place for our school's pupils:

First Week of Term:

Monday 10 th August 2020	Staff Inservice/ Pupil Holiday
Tuesday 11 th August 2020	Staff Inservice/ Pupil Holiday
Wednesday 12 th August 2020	Transition/Support/Induction Day for some pupils (We will contact you if your child is in this group)
Thursday 13 th August 2020	All Pupils Return
Friday 14 th August 2020	All Pupils

Every week after this will return to normal, with all pupils attending school each week day during normal school hours.

Reminder of School Day Timings

9.00am	Beginning of School Day
10.30-10.45am	Break
12.15-1.15pm	Lunch
1.15- 3.15pm	End of School Day

Homework

All learning will take place during school hours, with normal Homework Grids issued to support learning taking place during school hours. These will be issued by your child's Teacher in the new Term.

Uniform

Pupils should come to School wearing their uniform as usual.

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

Lunchtime

The Primary school meal service will continue on the same basis as pre School closure. However, with a reduced bagged meal menu. This menu will be reviewed with a view to including a hot offer from October.

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

This will continue to be a priority in our School. There continues to be thorough health and safety assessments and guidance in place. 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.

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 continue to be practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene, frequent cleaning and physical distancing.

Communication

From August onwards, any Parent who wishes to contact School, should do so via telephone or email. We will frequently review this change this in line with PKC Guidance.

These arrangements should only change if the Deputy First Minister's announcement on 30 July indicates that a full-time return to education is not possible. We will of course keep you informed of any further changes or information as soon as possible.

Information about the return of schools will continue to be published on Perth and Kinross Council's website where an FAQ page has been developed:

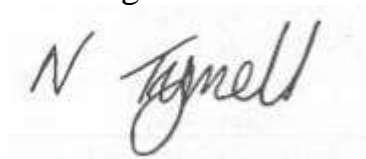
<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools>

The Council will also continue to distribute the latest information through its Twitter and Facebook sites.

It has been a very different and challenging end to our school year and I fully appreciate the difficulties that you have all faced as families during this unprecedented crisis. I would like to thank you again for your ongoing support and patience as we prepare to re-open our school, and we look forward to welcoming our new and current pupils back in August.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch to discuss any of the above information further.

Kind regards



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