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Date Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Re-opening of Aberuthven Primary School**

Further to my letter to you on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020, I can confirm the following information regarding the re-opening of our School next week.

#### **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:**

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

### **Prior to arrival**

Pupils should only attend school if they are fit and well to do so. Please follow the link below to find out more information about the symptoms of Covid-19. If any member of your household displays symptoms associated with Covid-19, then please inform us as soon as possible.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

### **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 via Seesaw.

### **Uniform**

Pupils should come to School wearing their uniform as usual.

### **Pupil Belongings/ PE Kit/ Pencil Cases etc**

Pupils should bring:

- a waterproof jacket
- shoes for PE
- a snack
- lunchbox (if required)
- a labelled water bottle

Please ensure your child's belongings are labelled with their name. Pupils will be provided with their own individual stationary to use in school.

### **Lunchtime**

The Primary school meal service will continue on the same basis as prior to school closure with a reduced 'cold meal' menu. This menu will be reviewed with a view to include a hot offer from October. Please find attached Tayside Contract School Menu which takes effect Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Pupils will eat lunch together in the Assembly Hall as per pre lockdown.

### **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. This must return home with pupils on a daily basis.

### **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. Pupils are **not** required to keep social distance from other pupils however staff will be adhering to 2 metres social distancing as far as possible and may wear face coverings if in close contact with pupils for a prolonged period of time. Pupils and staff are **not** required to wear face coverings in school, however if staff or pupils choose to wear their own face coverings when in school, then this will be supported.

**We will support all pupils in adjusting to routines on a daily basis, however there will be a zero-tolerance approach to not following the measures put in place for staff and pupils' safety.**

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. Non-essential visitors to school will not be permitted.

The focus for everyone in school will continue to be practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene, frequent cleaning and physical distancing.

Should a member of our school community become unwell during the school day with non-covid related symptoms, we will follow our pre lockdown procedure, and contact parents to inform and arrange collection of their child. Should a member of our school community become unwell during the school day with covid related symptoms, they will be moved to our school isolation area as soon as symptoms are detected, with contact from only 1 staff member (Mrs Tyrrell). Contact would be made to inform parent and arrange collection of their child.

### **Curriculum**

Our initial curricular priorities will be in Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing. Pupils will be involved in daily Health & Wellbeing activities planned to support all pupils in transition and strengthening relationships.

### **Communication**

From August onwards, any Parent who wishes to contact School, should do so via telephone or email. We will frequently review this change in line with PKC Guidance. We will continue to share frequent updates and information for parents via email, Twitter, Seesaw and our website.

### **Seesaw**

New Seesaw groups will be set up for all pupils. It is vital that all Parents connect to their child's profile 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>

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

We can't wait to welcome our pupils back!

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Tyrrell', on a light-colored background.

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