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Parents/Carers  
Crieff High School

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re-opening of Crieff High 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](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools).

As we approach the end of term, we are now in a position to share further arrangements for our school and your child:

### **Attendance Patterns**

Schools have drawn up revised timetables that will ensure almost all pupils spend a minimum of 40% of the school week in class. In our school the arrangements will be 40% of the school week for all young people. Your child will attend on:

S1 Tuesday and Thursday  
S2 Thursday and Friday  
S3 Tuesday and Friday  
S4 – S6 Monday and Wednesday

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## Transport

If your child currently receives free home to school transport, your transport arrangements for August cannot be confirmed at this time. The Public Transport Unit is looking at all transport options to support the attendance patterns of pupils who require free home to school transport. This may include larger vehicles, additional vehicles, multiple journeys and alternative transport providers.

The Scottish Government's current guidance on physical distancing means that the number of seats available on both public transport and school transport vehicles will be greatly reduced. It will not be possible for pupils to travel on school transport services in the same numbers as pre COVID-19.

Education and Children's Services and the Public Transport Unit are currently working through the implications for free home to school transport requirements for entitled pupils in August. It is anticipated that some parents of pupils who normally would travel on school transport may wish to transport their own children to school, and we would actively encourage parents/carers more widely to consider this option, where possible.

We are working closely with the Public Transport Unit regarding home to school transport arrangements for our schools and the details of this will be notified directly to parents of children who use home to school transport by the Public Transport Unit in early August.

## 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.

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## Blended Learning

All pupils will receive high-quality teaching in school complemented by home learning which is not solely dependent on digital access. Teachers will have time available to support home learning remotely, and there will be a clear focus on well-being and literacy and numeracy while pupils are in school. 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.

## Uniform

We look forward to seeing young people attend Crieff High School in full school uniform come Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

In particular, we look forward to welcoming our new S1 to Crieff High School in their new school uniform and our newly appointed Prefects and Senior Prefect Leadership team in their school blazer.

## Structure of the School Day

The school day will be restructured on an interim basis as follows:

Block 1:	9.00 am – 10.20 am
Interval:	10.20 am – 10.40 am
Block 2:	10.40 am – 12 noon
Lunch:	12 noon – 12.40 pm
Block 3:	12.40 pm – 2.00 pm
Interval:	2.00 pm – 2.20 pm
Block 4:	2.20 pm – 3.40 pm

An interim timetable has been created with young people receiving a personalised timetable to ensure their curriculum suits their learning needs. More information will follow in due course.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Donnelly".

**Mr J Donnelly**  
Headteacher / Campus Leader