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Dear Parent/Carer

Phased Return to Secondary Schools from 15th March 2021

As you will be aware, the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, announced on 2 March 2021 that all secondary pupils will be back in school on a full-time basis after the Easter holidays. At this time, she also announced that there would also be a partial return of all secondary pupils in the weeks leading up to the Easter holidays which will begin this Monday, 15th March. Further to my letter of 8th March, I write now to provide you with details of arrangements for the return of Breadalbane secondary pupils. I apologise for the length of this letter but there is much to communicate. I would really appreciate it if you could take the time to read it carefully.

We will also be speaking to all pupils at assemblies today, issuing a FAQ information sheet on our website, and holding a **parent information session tomorrow between 12.30 and 1.15pm** during which parents will be provided with a short presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

If you would like to join this session, please use this [link](#):

Patterns of Attendance/Curriculum

- All pupils S1-6 will attend school for one full day per week.
- S4-6 pupils will continue to attend on a targeted basis for practical work and assessment. These sessions will be in addition to the above core provision. Please note that where a clash occurs between these practical sessions and the core days, the former should take precedence.
- S1-S3 pupils attending school will work across three subject areas in double periods each day.
- S4-6 pupils attending school will work across two subject each day (period 1 to 3 and period 4 to 6) based on columns choices.
- S4 will attend for an additional day on Monday 22nd March for an in-school focus on Maths and English
- Pupils will usually attend in House Groups. If you or your child is unsure of their house, you will find this on their school report. Alternatively, please contact the school.)
- Please read the **Timetable 15th March to 1st April** grid below carefully to establish the days your child should be in school.
- Staff will try to maintain as much of our remote learning offer as possible, though this will be impacted by the need for staff to deliver in-school teaching. Pupils are requested to look out for updates from teachers about any changes to the remote learning programme which may be necessary.



- School transport providers have been advised which pupils will travel on which days, so transport will be available as usual.
- All pupils S1-S6 will receive an extended core PE lesson at some point over week 1 or 2. Pupils should wear warm, comfortable clothes to school and be prepared for PE on these days, which are specified in the table below.

Timetable 15th March – 1st April	
Date	Groups in School
Monday 15th March	S4 - S6 Farragon and Mhor Houses
Tuesday 16th March	S4 - S6 Lawers and Schiehallion Houses
Wednesday 17th March	S1 - S3 Farragon and Mhor Houses (core PE: S1/S2)
Thursday 18th March	S1- S3 Lawers and Schiehallion Houses (core PE:S1/S2)
Friday 19 th March	Focus on senior phase practical assessments
Monday 22nd March	All S4 Pupils (English and Maths)
Tuesday 23rd March	S1 - S3 Farragon and Mhor Houses (core PE: S3)
Wednesday 24th March	S4 - S6 Farragon and Mhor Houses (core PE)
Thursday 25th March	S4 - S6 Lawers and Schiehallion Houses (core PE)
Friday 26th March	S1- S3 Lawers and Schiehallion Houses (core PE: S3)
Monday 29th March	S4 - S6 Lawers and Schiehallion Houses
Tuesday 30th March	S4 - S6 Farragon and Mhor Houses
Wednesday 31st March	S1 - S3 Farragon and Mhor Houses
Thursday 1st April	S1 - S3 Lawers and Schiehallion Houses

Arrangements for safe return

Please note that the following arrangements for safe return will be in place. As always, we are depending on our pupils to familiarise themselves with these arrangements and to follow them at all times.

Transport

- 1m distancing is required on school transport.
- Pupils are also required to wear face coverings on school transport.

Entry and Exit

- Farragon or Lawers pupils should enter via the side door of the assembly hall, where they will wait until the first bell.
- Schiehallion or Mhor pupils should enter by the Alma Avenue doors and sit physically distanced in the dining hall until the first bell.

Break and lunchtime

- Pupils will be asked to go outside at break and lunchtime, except when eating. (Alternative inclement weather arrangements will be in place.)
- Staggered lunchtimes will allow us to keep dining safe. There will be two sittings each day to which pupils are allocated as follows:

1.00 -1.25	Farragon or Lawers Houses
1.30 -1.55	Schiehallion or Mhor Houses

- Interval snacks and lunches should be pre-ordered. Order forms will be available in both the assembly hall and dining hall first thing. Orders for interval should be handed in right away. Orders for lunch should be handed in by interval. For lunch orders, pupils should identify whether their order is for the first or second sitting by writing '1' or '2' on the top right corner.
- When queuing to collect pre-ordered food, 2m physical distancing must be maintained.
- Pupils will not be allowed to leave the school campus at lunchtimes.

Testing

- All S4-6 pupils are requested to test on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Test results (positive, negative and void) must be uploaded to the government website. If the test returns a positive result, the household must self-isolate and a confirmatory PCR test should be booked for the pupil. The school should also be notified in order that contact tracing can be undertaken. If the PCR test comes back as negative, the household no longer needs to self-isolate and the pupil can return to school.
- S1-3 pupils will be requested to join this programme from the beginning of next term. Details will follow for pupils and parents.

General Rules

- Pupils are required to stay 2 metres apart from each other and staff at all times throughout the day, including at break and lunchtimes. We appreciate that this will be very difficult but is it a critical way of minimising infection spread.
- Face coverings must be worn throughout the day by all pupils, except by prior agreement
- Windows will be open to maximise ventilation so classrooms will be cool. Layered warm clothing recommended.
- Hand sanitising will be required at start and end of lessons and when moving between locations.
- Desks and chairs should be wiped before and after use using the wipes provided.

SQA

We will continue to update pupils and parents regarding arrangements for SQA assessment and certification as soon as any further changes are announced. Please click on this link: ['What you need to know for 2021 – National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher](#) for the latest information booklet on the alternative certification model, which you will also shortly receive in the post from SQA.

Finally, I would stress the importance of following all measures we have in place within the school to ensure the safety of pupils and school staff, and I would appreciate your assistance in re-enforcing the importance of this with your child.

I wish to reassure you that we will continue to support pupils who will not return to school full-time until after the Easter Break through our remote learning programme. Our school staff remain committed to ensuring we provide the best possible education to all of our pupils.

We will continue to monitor any further announcements by the First Minister and will keep you updated if there are any further changes affecting your child's education.

Perth and Kinross Council updates information for parents/carers on its website www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools and also its Facebook and Twitter sites.

I understand that you or your child may be apprehensive about their return to school, and I can assure you that as well as their education, their health and wellbeing is very important to our staff, and we will continue to support all pupils to return to school safely.

I would like to thank you for continuing to support the school and your child's education during these times. If you require any further information, please contact at: **Breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk**.

I look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school full-time from Monday 19 April 2021.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JD', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

John Devine
Headteacher/Campus Leader