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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, announced on 2 March that all P4-7 pupils will return to school full-time from 15 March unless new circumstances require this to be reconsidered. All primary pupils can also return to breakfast club. I appreciate this will generate some queries and I wish to provide you with some clarification of what this means for your child.

The arrangements for pupils in school will be as follows:

- Nursery arrangements are unchanged.
- Primary pupils will all return to entering and exiting the doors they used before Christmas. As usual, with the exception of those on school transport, pupils are not supervised prior to 9am and they are the responsibility of parents. To mitigate risks parents are not permitted into the playground.
- To reduce the number of people in the school grounds at 9am we are offering a flexible start to the day. Both doors will be staffed to allow pupils to enter from 9.00 to 9.10.
- To reduce the number of people needing to wait in the school grounds after a nursery pick-up, we will facilitate a 3.10pm pick-up for primary siblings of nursery pupils. If you would like to use this option, please contact the school office. Pupils will be brought across the P4-7 playground at 3.10pm.
- In order to mitigate risk pupils can only play within their class bubbles. To allow each bubble to have more space pupils may be in a different outdoor space than normal.
- Schools dinners continue to get served as usual.
- Pupils are not required to wear school uniform. The classrooms continue to need increased ventilation with windows open all the time so please ensure your child dresses appropriately.
- Indoor PE is not currently permitted, therefore PE will take place outside. Pupils should wear suitable clothes on the days they have PE and have a change of clothes in school in case they require to get changed afterwards, e.g. if their clothes are wet.
- Although there are no physical distancing requirements between nursery and primary pupils, there is a requirement for secondary pupils which includes on school buses. Unless siblings, primary pupils are required to sit 1 metre from secondary pupils. All pupils continue to need to wear face coverings on school transport unless they are exempt.
- Unless exempt, parents/carers are required to wear face coverings while dropping off and picking up pupils. Adults and secondary pupils should also physically distance. In order to make this easier, please do not stay in the school grounds any longer than necessary. There is a one-way system on the way to and from the P4-7 playground which should be followed.
- Although primary pupils are not required to wear face covering, if they wish to do so they will be supported with this.



- The requirement for sanitising and washing hands has not reduced, therefore pupils and staff will be sanitising/washing their hands at key points throughout the day. If pupils are unable to use alcohol-based hand sanitiser they will always be able to wash their hands. If, for medical reasons, pupils cannot use soap there are alternative gentle washes available. We have a supply in school so please email the office if you require this, or you can obtain them from a chemist under the minor ailment scheme.
- As before pupils should not bring anything non-essential into school and we will continue to keep items going home to the absolute minimum. As pupils have been sharing work with teachers throughout the lockdown period we do not require any work to be brought in. Jotters should be kept at home so they can be used should pupils need to self-isolate or learn remotely in future.
- In keeping with national guidance, anyone displaying Covid symptoms should not come into school and is required to have a negative test result or self-isolate for 10 days before coming back into school. If one person in the household has symptoms, everyone else in the house needs to self-isolate until the person has a negative result/10 days from the start of symptoms. If symptoms develop during the school day your child will be isolated until he/she can be picked up.

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

We will continue to monitor any further announcements from 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](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools) and also on its Facebook and Twitter sites.

I understand that you or your child may be apprehensive about the return of all primary pupils, but I would wish to reassure you that as well as their education, the health and wellbeing of your child is very important to our staff and we will continue to support all pupils to return to school safely. Arrangements will be put in place for pupils requiring additional support to return to school.

Thank you for your continued assistance and working with us to support your child during this time. If you or your child require any further information or support now or as the return period continues please contact me via the school office.

I look forward to welcoming all pupils to school on Monday 15 March.

Yours sincerely

*V.L. Marshall*

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