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Dear Parent/Carer

### Return of Pupils from Monday 25 October 2021

I hope you and your family have enjoyed the October break. We are looking forward to the Term ahead and as we welcome back pupils, I would like to update you on some important information. As you will be aware, the First Minister recently indicated that the restrictions in schools would be reviewed for the new Term.

We have been advised by the Scottish Government that following engagement with Local Authorities, members of the Advisory Subgroup and the Chief Medical Officer there will be **no immediate increase or decrease in restrictions in schools** at this time. This situation will remain under close review.

The measures advised in my letter dated 12 August 2021, will therefore continue in school until further notice. These include:

- Physical distancing of at least one metre between all staff, and between staff and pupils.
- Face coverings to be worn by all staff and learners in secondary schools.
- Face coverings to be worn by young people aged 12 and over on school transport.
- Enhanced cleaning, ventilation and hygiene measures.
- Arrangements for self-isolation and contact tracing (see below).
- Hand hygiene.

### Self-isolation, contact tracing and testing

- If your young person tests positive for COVID-19, or if they display symptoms, then they should isolate as previously advised.
- If your young person is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive, they should arrange a COVID-19 test as soon as possible and not wait for any symptoms.



- Self-isolation requirements (including contact tracing and testing) are being updated in line with the changes to self-isolation for the wider community. This will mean that if your young person is identified as a close contact, then while they will initially be asked to self-isolate, they can return to school if they subsequently receive a negative PCR test result and remain symptom-free. The revised approach to contact tracing means that the previous consistent groupings of pupils are no longer required and will be removed as soon as possible.
- As you will be aware, asymptomatic testing is available across the whole school through the issuing of Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs). If they have not already signed up, please encourage your young person to participate in the testing as this is one of the measures in place to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.
- It is recommended that your young person takes a test before returning to school.

### **Continuing to Manage and Minimise Risk**

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. I would appreciate your assistance in reinforcing the importance of this message with your young person.

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 young person'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 its Facebook and Twitter sites.

I understand that you or your young person may have ongoing concerns about attending school during these challenging times, however, I would wish to reassure you that as well as their education, the health and wellbeing of pupils is very important to our staff, and we will continue to support all pupils to attend school safely.

I would like to thank you for continuing to support the school and your young person's education during these times. If you require any further information please contact [breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk).

I look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school.

Yours sincerely

**Headteacher**