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Dear Parent/Carer

Phased Return to Schools

As you will be aware, the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, announced on 16 February 2021 that some pupils could return to school from 22 February 2021. I appreciate this will generate some queries and questions from parents/carers, and I would wish to provide you with some clarification of what this means for your child/young person.

The Scottish Government's decision means that children in Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) and those in P1-P3 can return to classes full-time from 22 February 2021.

Some senior pupils can also return part-time to complete practical coursework, although no more than 8% of a secondary school roll is allowed to attend at any one time. This figure excludes those currently attending schools as vulnerable children or children of essential workers.

Pupils who are currently attending their primary or secondary school as vulnerable children or children of essential workers will continue to do so and a separate communication will be issued to these parents/carers.

Following the Scottish Government's announcement, this means that your child will not yet be returning to school.

I appreciate this may be disappointing, however, I would wish to reassure you we will continue to support pupils who are not, as yet, required to return to school full-time through our remote learning programme. Our school staff remain committed to ensuring we provide the best possible education to all of our pupils.

The First Minister has advised there will be a further announcement on the phased return to schools on 2 March 2021 and I will update you again once the outcome of this is known.

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 this is a time of great uncertainty, and 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 do not hesitate to contact us via email.

Regards,

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