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Dear Parent/Carer

Return of Pupils to Primary Schools – Whole school Information

As you will be aware, the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, announced on 2 March 2021 that all P4-P7 pupils will return to school full-time from 15 March 2021.

I would firstly like to say how delighted the whole Abernethy team is to be able to be back together again with all the nursery to P3 pupils and their families. This week, staff continue to plan the safe return of all, and we cannot wait to welcome everyone back safely.

Following the Scottish Government's announcement, the arrangements for the return of your child/young person to school are outlined at the foot of this letter.

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 would also appreciate if you could respect physical distancing guidelines, including face coverings use, when dropping/off collecting your child and request that you do not congregate in groups at the school gates or in the school playground.

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 and also its Facebook and Twitter sites.

I understand that you or your child may be apprehensive about the return of all pupils to our school, 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.

I would like to thank you once again for continuing to support the school and your child's education during these times. If you require any further information, please contact us via abernethy@pkc.gov.uk

I look forward to welcoming all pupils to school on Monday 15 March 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Suz McKenzie

Abernethy Primary & Nursery Headteacher

The following outlines our arrangements for the days ahead; returning our pupils, parents and staff to a whole school once again. Please can I ask that you read these carefully.

Arrival & Departure Times

Gate shall be opened at 8.50am for taxi pupils only.

Primary drop off and pick-up times:

(We will be returning to the drop off and pick-ups times as outlined in Term 2; please can P1-3 parents pay particular attention to these new times, as these are different to the last few weeks).

9am – 3.05pm = P4 & P5/6

9.05am – 3.10pm = P3 & P6

9.10am – 3.15pm = P1/2 & P7

Nursery – Nursery pupils shall remain at allocated time slots. Pupils must continue to be dropped off at the Nursery gate. Groups for drop off and pick up shall be as follows: Group A – 9.00 drop off, 2.45 pick-up Group B – 9.15 drop off, 3.00 pick-up.

Please can all Nursery families keep to the allocated time slot.

Lunches

All Nursery and school lunches arrangements shall remain. School & Nursery lunches can be ordered in school or families may wish to send pupils with a packed lunch.

PE

Any PE delivered shall have to be delivered outside, as per the current guidance.

School Uniform

It was following parental voice and choice, that school uniform was the preferred option for us at Abernethy during these times. Therefore, can pupils in P4-7 please return wearing uniform, all be it warm and waterproof school uniform. Pupils must be able to attend outdoor lessons without having to get completely changed into new clothing. Warm gloves, hats etc must be carefully labelled.

As so much time has passed, please do not worry if you are short of uniform due to it being a little too small. Pupils can then come to school in dark trousers and a red or black jumper until uniform can be sought.

Covid Safety rules

- *All social distancing rules must be adhered to; with all pupils respectfully being reminded to try hard to keep 2m from staff. New signage shall be displayed for all. Parents & Guardians must adhere to social distancing rules when dropping off and picking up pupils.*
- *Classes and Nursery pupils shall remain in their own class groups and shall not mix.*
- *Cleanliness rules shall continue to be maintained. Pupils and staff shall continue to wash their hands thoroughly, surfaces and resources shall be wiped down regularly. **Please ensure your pupils return with their named wipeable pencil case and stationery** if they have taken it home. This shall once again remain in school.*
- *As previously, school communication is preferable over the phone or email.*

Areas for pupils play & learning in the playground, shall be set out once again into class areas.