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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re-opening of Kettins Primary School**

We are looking forward to welcoming back our children and young people from the start of the new term on 11 August 2020.

We recognise the many challenges you have been facing as you juggle childcare, supporting home learning and working from home and would thank you for your support with online and at home learning since schools were closed in March.

Planning for the re-opening of schools has focused on maximising the amount of time children and young people will spend in school, as frequently as possible, as safely as possible. This has been guided by the key principles identified by the Scottish Government as well as consultation with professional associations, staff and feedback from parents and carers through the Council's informal poll on social media.

Our [framework](#) for the re-opening of schools was outlined recently by Sheena Devlin, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services on the Council's website:  
[www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools).

As we approach the end of term, we are now in a position to share further arrangements for our school and your child:

#### **Attendance Patterns**

Schools have drawn up revised timetables that will ensure almost all pupils spend a minimum of 40% of the school week in class. **In our school the arrangements will be Group 1- attending Monday and Tuesday and Group 2- attending Thursday and Friday. Please see the attached attendance pattern.**

**Please note that the pattern for the first week will follow the pattern for the term and so Group 1 will only attend school on the Tuesday of the first week.**

#### **Transport**

If your child currently receives free home to school transport, your transport arrangements for August cannot be confirmed at this time. The Public Transport Unit is looking at all transport options to support the attendance patterns of pupils who require free home to school transport.

This may include larger vehicles, additional vehicles, multiple journeys and alternative transport providers.

The Scottish Government's current guidance on physical distancing means that the number of seats available on both public transport and school transport vehicles will be greatly reduced. It will not be possible for pupils to travel on school transport services in the same numbers as pre COVID-19.

Education and Children's Services and the Public Transport Unit are currently working through the implications for free home to school transport requirements for entitled pupils in August. It is anticipated that some parents of pupils who normally would travel on school transport may wish to transport their own children to school, and we would actively encourage parents/carers more widely to consider this option, where possible.

We are working closely with the Public Transport Unit regarding home to school transport arrangements for our schools and the details of this will be notified directly to parents of children who use home to school transport by the Public Transport Unit in early August.

### **Health and Safety**

Schools have been working hard on their health and safety assessments and staff, pupils and parents will see some changes when they come to school. On arrival and departure from school, there will be provision for sanitising hands. Everyone in school will wash their hands frequently throughout the day and pupils will be reminded of the importance of hand and respiratory hygiene.

Classrooms will be laid out in line with physical distancing guidelines, and resources for learning will be selected to ensure they can be easily cleaned. It is planned that we will limit the number of times equipment and resources are physically passed between home and school, however, where this is necessary, we will look at ways of limiting the number of people in contact with equipment or how we can maintain clean resources. Your child's class teacher will be able to provide more information on how this will be done.

The frequency of the formal cleaning in school will be increased, and in addition, staff will be carrying out spot cleaning throughout the day.

If staff have to administer personal care for a pupil, or if a pupil requires first aid, the appropriate PPE will be worn. However, the focus for everyone in school will be practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene, frequent cleaning and physical distancing.

### **Blended Learning**

All pupils will receive high-quality teaching in school complemented by home learning which is not solely dependent on digital access. Teachers will have time available to support home learning remotely, and there will be a clear focus on well-being and literacy and numeracy while pupils are in school. The Council's [Remote Learning Hub](#) is also available for parents, pupils and staff to access key information and guidance whilst working and learning from home.

### **Uniform**

Perth and Kinross Council have relaxed expectations on school uniform to remove any barriers to attending school. Pupils will participate in regular PE and outdoor learning and will not be able to change for these opportunities and so we are asking that pupils come dressed appropriately with sensible bottoms and footwear. It is our preference that pupils still wear a polo shirt/ sweatshirt.

### **Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Provision**

All children accessing local authority early learning and childcare can access 600 hours or more of ELC provision in most settings. The ELC Service are currently working with Partner Provider Nurseries to finalise plans for the reopening of early learning and childcare in August. Further information will be available during July.

As part of the Scottish Government Guidance released on 15 June, children are not able to attend more than one setting so if this had been your intention for childcare, this is no longer possible. It would be helpful to know if you still plan to take up the offer with us or go to the other provider where they may be able to offer a full-time placement.

### **Critical Childcare for Key Workers**

The school will provide childcare from 11 August during school opening hours for those families who have been approved as having key worker status in PKC.

Plans are being finalised and that contact will be made with the families individually before the start of the holidays.

### **Structure of the School Day**

The school day will continue to be 9am-3.30pm.

Pupils and P1 parents only are able to enter the playground **from 8.50am** adhering to social distancing. Other parents will be asked to remain outside the playground to keep numbers to a minimum. No-one should be in the playground before this time.

Pupils will enter the playground and stand on a painted spot to ensure a 2m distance is maintained.

**P1-P3** pupils will enter the school via the **cloakroom door**.

**P4-P7** pupils will enter the school via the **main door to the school**.

Teaching staff will oversee the entry of pupils and send pupils to the classroom to begin hand washing.

Pupils will keep coats in the classroom on the back of their chair.

Pupils **should not bring school bags, pencil cases or personal belongings**. Pupils will be provided with individual stationery packs for school use.

Lunch bags to be kept on pupil desks.

All pupils will be able to have break time together but the playground will be zoned and the support staff will arrange structured games.

**At the end of the school day**, parents will wait outside the playground observing social distancing.

**P1-P3 pupils will be released from 3.20pm** and then **P4-P7 pupils at 3.30pm**. This will be overseen by teachers who will send pupils to their parents.

We look forward to welcoming all children back into our school and would assure you we are taking every precaution to ensure they, and our staff, are as safe as can be when they return.

Yours sincerely,



Acting Headteacher Meigle and Kettins Primary Schools

Kettins Primary School Attendance patterns and groupings  
August 2020

School roll- 32

Group 1- Monday and Tuesday (16 pupils)

Group 2- Thursday and Friday (16 pupils)

<b><u>Group 1</u></b>	<b><u>Group 2</u></b>
Brooke	Brodie
Joshua	Beau
Rory	Emelia
Oliver	Ellie-May
Alex	Chester
Jamie	Zeph
Megan	Duncan
Esme	Sophie
Cooper	Murray
Carly	Lorenzo
Ruby	Izzy
Lexi	Isobel
Charlie	Anna
Jack	Daniel
Beppe	Andrea
Rory	Maisie