

Dear Parent/Carer

Further Update on the Re-opening of Perth and Kinross Schools in August 2020

As you are aware, the Deputy first Minister announced on Tuesday 23 June that local authorities should plan for the re-opening of schools for all pupils full-time from August, subject to further confirmation that it is safe to do so.

Colleagues across Education and Children's Services are working closely with our staff, trade unions and Parent Councils to prepare for the re-opening of all Perth and Kinross schools in August 2020, if it continues to be safe to do so.

Further to my recent letter to you dated 26th June, I can confirm some further details about the planned re-opening of all Perth and Kinross schools in August 2020.

In-Service Days – 10 and 11 August 2020

The designated in-service days are confirmed as Monday 10 August and Tuesday 11 August 2020 as agreed with the Teaching Unions. This marks a change to the previously indicated arrangements.

Phased Return of Pupils – 12-14 August 2020

The first week of the new term will have a phased return to school for all Perth and Kinross pupils. I can advise the following phased return arrangements will be in place for Goodlyburn pupils:

We have had to change our original plan for the small groups – Group A on Mon/Tues and Group B on Thurs and Fri as the children will now be in Wed, Thurs and Fri of week beginning 10th August.

In order to support our children back to school and to enable them to have quality time with their teachers, we have put children in each class into three smaller groups; Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3. Each group will have quality time with their teacher and a few others in their class so that they can have focussed time for induction and reorientation. Each group will have a full day with their teacher and learn about our new systems in school. Group 1 will attend on Wednesday 12th, Group 2 will attend Thurs 14th and Group 3 will attend on Friday 15th. Family groups will still attend together on the same days and the staggered starts remain in place. Children without siblings start at 9.00am and finish at 3.00pm. Family Groups start at 9.10am and finish at 3.10pm.

The email this letter is attached to will tell you which group your child is in.

All pupils (who are able) will then recommence full-time education from **Monday 17 August 2020. The staggered times to start remain in place.**

Relaxed policy on uniform remains in place. If it's easier for you and you wish your child to wear school uniform then that is absolutely fine. However, please bear in mind that children will need fresh clothes daily and they will spend a large part of their time outside. There will be no P.E in the hall and this will all take place outside as will outdoor learning experiences. So please ensure children have a warm waterproof coat and strong outdoor footwear e.g. dark coloured trainers.

These arrangements should only change if the Deputy First Minister's announcement on 30 July indicates that a full-time return to education is not possible. We will of course keep you informed of any further changes or information as soon as possible.

Information about the return of schools will continue to be published on Perth and Kinross Council's website where an FAQ page has been developed:

<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools>

The Council will also continue to distribute the latest information through its Twitter and Facebook sites.

It has been a very different and challenging end to our school year and I fully appreciate the difficulties that you have all faced as families during this unprecedented crisis. I would like to thank you again for your ongoing support and patience as we prepare to re-open our school, and we are really looking forward to welcoming our new and current pupils back in August.

As always, any concerns, please email Goodlyburn@pkc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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