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To All Parents & Carers

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Dear Parents and carers

COVID-19 update – Wednesday 17th March, 5pm

I am writing to update you on the current situation in relation to COVID-19 and Perth Academy.

As of Tuesday 17th March, 5pm, there is no plan to close schools in Scotland. Perth Academy remains open and we are expecting young people who remain healthy to attend school.

You may be aware that Perth High School will be closed for three days after a person connected to the institution was told to isolate after displaying symptoms of coronavirus.

The school will undergo a deep clean and is expected to reopen to students on Thursday.

The most up to date information from Perth & Kinross Council can be found at the following site
<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus>

PREVENTION

All staff and pupils are being encouraged and advised to maintain good hand hygiene and 'catch it, bin it, kill it' if coughing or sneezing.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS SYMPTOMS or IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS SYMPTOMS

On 16 March the Scottish Government announced that people (including young people) should:

- Stay at home if they have coronavirus symptoms
- Stay at home if they have either:
 - a high temperature – feel hot to touch on your chest or back
 - a new, continuous cough – this means started coughing repeatedly

Executive Director (Education & Children's Services) Sheena Devlin

Do not send young people to school if they are displaying any of these symptoms.

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

How long to stay at home

- if you have symptoms, stay at home for 7 days
- if you live with other people, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got symptoms
- If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.

Please contact the school absence line (01738458000) in the usual fashion and inform if your child is self-isolating.

Any young person attending school and reporting these symptoms will be sent home.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this communication please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

J Lothian
Rector