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Dear Parent/Carer

Further Update on the Re-opening of Perth Academy 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 on Friday 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. This will enable focused time for induction for new pupils and reorientation back into the school building for current pupils. I can advise the following phased return arrangements will be in place for our school's pupils:

Wednesday 12th August

All new S1 pupils and returning S5 and S6 pupils (Pupils in S2, S3 and S4 should remain at home)

Thursday 13th August

All new S1 pupils and returning S2 pupils (pupils in S3, S4 and S5/6 should remain at home)

Friday 14th August

All returning S3 and S4 pupils (pupils in S1, S2 and S5/6 should remain at home)

All pupils (who are able) will then recommence full-time education from **Monday 17 August 2020**.

These arrangements will 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. We will aim to provide an update for parents following this date which confirms our plans,

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.

P7 / new S1 Parental Drop in

Last week we felt it sensible to cancel our P7 parent drop in meeting due to the changing directive from the Scottish Government that occurred just prior to our drop in.

The parent drop in will now take place at the following times and we will send you a link to join the meeting by groupcall.

Wednesday 1st July at 0930hrs

Thursday 2nd July at 1830hrs

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 look forward to welcoming our new and current pupils back in August.

Yours sincerely



J Lothian
Rector