

Perth Academy

Information for Parents on Current Planning for Return to School in August



30 June 2020 Update

Introduction

In our final communication factsheet before the summer holidays we aim to provide you with as much information as we can on what the return to school will look like in August. We will know by **30 July** whether pupils are back full time or if we are to use the blended learning model. Information in this factsheet is based on pupils **returning full-time** in August.

Below are the planned arrangements for a **phased return the first week back** (w/c Monday 10 August) with all pupil (who are able) back in school **full time from Monday 17 August**.

Feedback from parents has been gathered through feedback forms and parental drop ins, we are aware that there are lots of questions, some we are able to answer and some we cannot at this stage. We have produced a list of FAQs which we hope you will find helpful. **We will communicate an update to parents on 4 August following the Scottish Government update.**

Please note the changes to key information, particularly the **change regarding school uniform requirements.**

Week Commencing 10 August

Monday 10 August	In-service day for staff
Tuesday 11 August	In-service day for staff
Wednesday 12 August	S1 and S5/6 pupils attend
Thursday 13 August	S1 and S2 pupils attend
Friday 14 August	S3 and S4 pupils attend

KEY INFORMATION

Movement - we await updated guidance from the Scottish Government in relation to social distancing and will put appropriate measures in place accordingly, if required.

PE – this will mostly take place outdoors. Pupils may wish to bring a towel and a change of clothes.

Controlled Entry/Exit – we await further guidance from the Scottish Government in relation to social distancing and will put appropriate measures in place accordingly, if required. There will be a one-way system in place throughout the school.

Breaks/Lunch – pupils are encouraged to bring a packed lunch. The dining hall will operate on a reduced menu assuming it is safe to do so. Otherwise a cold lunch will be on an order and pick up only basis and will also be provided for pupils receiving free school meals. We aim to reduce cash interactions wherever possible. Pupils will make payments using their Young Scot Card and ParentPay wherever possible.

Uniform – to reduce the possible spread of the virus, pupils must attend school each day in clean clothing.

Normal school uniform will be expected. The exception to this rule will be the suspension of wearing blazers in recognition that these items may require dry-cleaning.

On the days where pupils have PE on their timetable, pupils should wear clothing appropriate to enable them to undertake PE in their day clothes.

Additional Support – we will ensure that pupils have appropriate planning in place for both in school and at home learning.

New S1 Pupils – during the initial days of the new S1 pupils being in school they will have support from older pupils to help them navigate around the school and there will be an induction programme in place.

IT - pupils are welcome to bring and use their own devices if they wish however there is no expectation that parents provide one. Those who have devices on loan should keep these for the time being as contingency in case there is a need to return to remote or move to a blended learning approach.

Wellbeing – we are planning a reconnect programme for all new and returning students with a focus on health and wellbeing, re-engaging with learning and making the best of the blended learning approach. This will take place on their first day and will have a weekly follow up during Home Room.