



## Perth Academy return to school in February 2021 FAQs for Parents

### COVID-19 related questions

#### **When will my child receive their testing kit?**

Parents/carers of S5/6 pupils who have been invited into school W/B 22 February should have now all received a communication with a slot inviting the pupil into school to collect the kit. Due to a form requiring to be signed on collection it needs to be the pupil who collects the kit. Any pupil unable to do this in advance will be issued with their kit on their first day in school. S4 pupils coming into school next week will receive a similar communication shortly. The remainder of pupils will be contacted over the next week or so, inviting them to complete a consent form in preparation for their return.

#### **Are the tests compulsory?**

No, testing is not compulsory, however we are strongly encouraging everyone to take part. This provides an additional mitigation and helps keep everyone safe. An instruction booklet and link to a YouTube video are included with the test kit, both explain how to administer and record the tests.

#### **What health and safety processes will be put into place?**

We want everyone to remain safe and well. There will be 2 m distancing regulations in place which includes all adults and pupils in the school. This means that class sizes will be 10 or less depending on the size of the room. Other mitigations include controlled entry/exit, regular handwashing, staggered breaks/lunchtimes, pupils remaining in their 'bubble' for the duration of the day, ventilation in classrooms and pupil/teacher workstation and equipment/resource cleansing protocols.

#### **Will pupils and or staff be asked to wear face coverings/masks?**

All pupils and staff will be required to wear face coverings unless exempt.

#### **Will there be seating plans for classes?**

Teachers will create seating plans for every class which will be collated by the school office in case they are required for public health reasons. This has been the case in school since our return in August.

### Practical questions

#### **Should my child wear full school uniform?**

Pupils are not required to wear school uniform but can if they wish. We recommend wearing warm clothing as some windows are kept open and we are recommending pupils go outside during breaks for fresh air.

### **Transport**

School transport will run as normal and will be available for pupils who travel to school in this way; however, pupils will be expected to observe 2 m social distancing on school transport at present and continue to wear face coverings. If there are any transport specific questions, contact numbers can be found [here](#).

### **Will the pupils be allowed to go off-campus at lunchtime?**

We would recommend that young people stay on campus. Pupils can choose however to go out of the school premises at lunchtime. If they do so they should follow the same rules as wider society.

### **How does my child know which day(s) to come into school?**

We have sent out to parents the temporary timetable which start W/C 22 February. Generally, S5/6 are in one week and S4 the next, with a few exceptions. However, pupils will need to also check the Folder marked 'Arrangements from 22 February' Files section of their Year Group Assembly Team to find out their day(s), pupils will only be in one day per subject in a week.

## **Learning Questions**

### **Does my child have to tell the teachers of the subjects they will be missing whilst in school?**

No, all staff will be issued with the lists of pupils in school so they can check who will not be able to attend the lesson.

### **I am concerned about the online lessons my child will miss whilst in school**

Pupils are going to be in school for a full day for each practical subject. That will be the teaching for that subject completed for the week, unless homework has been issued. This will allow them the rest of the time to focus on non-practical subjects. Staff are aware that there will be some pupils missing classes due to being in school and we asked them to consider this when they are choosing their method of delivery for lessons.

### **My child studies one or more courses at Perth College as part of their school timetable which clashes with their day(s) in school.**

We are currently liaising with Perth College on this matter, but the advice is that pupils invited into school next week should attend school on those days. We will inform the College of who is in school.

If you have further questions, please email us at [perthacademy@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:perthacademy@pkc.gov.uk) .