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Parent / Carer

Dear Parent/Carer

Rector's update 11th September 2020

As we reach the end of another very positive week at Perth Academy, I write to provide you with an update on several items.

Face Coverings

Please remember that while the use of face coverings at Perth Academy is obligatory at crowded times or where young people have limited space, these will not be obligatory in classrooms and exemptions apply.

If you think your child is exempt, please contact us perthacademy@pkc.gov.uk and let us know as we will provide a list for staff of those who are exempt to minimise unnecessary interaction/attention for those concerned.

I would be grateful if you could remind your child to arrive prepared each day with their face covering. While we always ensure that a student who has forgotten is provided with one, we are keen to reduce time spent in this activity and avoid unnecessary waste.

I remind all young people about the need to comply with face coverings and social distancing guidance in and around our local community. We have had some complaints from residents and retailers of issues experienced with our young people at lunchtimes.

Home Learning

With the recent COVID-19 outbreak within Perth & Kinross there are already Perth Academy learners self-isolating and learning from home. We ask that parents follow the guidance around awareness of and response to symptoms as previously communicated. We ask that in the event that you keep your child off school that you keep the school informed about the circumstances surrounding their child's absence/return.

We are working to ensure that learners can access learning from home. It is important to recognise that home learning and classroom-based learning will differ. We will always try our

best to provide relevant learning for your child to minimise the impact of the absence, but this will not be the same amount of work as provided during school closure and may be different content to that provided if the learner was attending school.

Please remember that as well as supporting individual young people home learning, our staff will be leading learning and teaching in the classroom at the same time.

I attach a paper entitled "Covid Learning Arrangements Term 1 2020" which I hope will give you clarity related to our current remote learning arrangements at Perth Academy.

Parent Council

Perth Academy parent council will have its first meeting of the new academic year on the 16th September. This year meetings will be online, and a link will be sent to parents for the 7pm start.

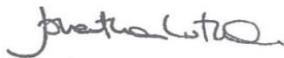
The role of the parent council is to provide a voice for parents within the school and the local authority. If you have a topic or a view that you wish to be placed on the forthcoming agenda, then please send an email to pccperthacademy@gmail.com

Staffing update

Please be aware that we are experiencing some staff absence within the support faculty presently with both Mrs. Birrell and Mrs. Brooks absent. Mrs. Dow is currently acting in the role of Depute Headteacher (support) and Mr. Le Blanc will take on the role of Principal Teacher (Support for Learning) in an acting capacity, as of Monday 14th September.

As ever, if you have any concerns about your child's schooling, we would want to hear from you.

Yours sincerely



J Lothian
Rector