

# Perth Academy

## Information for Parents on

### Current Planning for Return to School in August



12 June 2020

## Introduction

We are currently working on a recovery plan to enable a safe return to school for pupils from 11 August 2020. The PART (Perth Academy Recovery Team) has been set up to achieve this objective and is made up of a wide range of teaching and non-teaching staff. This is a huge undertaking and we are working at pace to ensure everything is in place to make the return to school the best we possibly can for the pupils and staff. It is important at this stage that we provide you with information on our initial plans and give you an opportunity to provide us with your feedback, there is a link in Mr Lothian's letter to enable you to do this. Pupils and staff are also being given the opportunity to provide feedback.

### Stage 1- Staff Return

From **15 June 2020** all staff will have an opportunity to access their work areas in the school in order to prepare for the return of pupils in August.

### Stage 2 – Pupil Return

Pupils will return to school **from 11 August** on a **part-time basis** if it is safe to do so. Planning is underway to ensure that physical distancing measures are in place and that transportation requirements are met (these are the 2 main limiting factors on which curriculum model we can operate). The model which we are considering is one where we feel best supports learning whilst meets best practice for Health and Safety. **This involves pupils spending 3 days in school learning and 6 days learning remotely from home.**

*Rationale – we feel that the model of 3 days in school learning and 6 days learning remotely from home has the following benefits:*

- ✓ Ensures every young person is seen in school over a 2-week period
- ✓ Offers clarity to parents and pupils on when they will be in school
- ✓ Ensures high cleaning standards can be met due to less transitions
- ✓ Makes effective use of available staffing
- ✓ Effective model of managing the blend of in school and remote home learning

**We plan to have a detailed communication out to you by the end of term which will fully explain the finalised plans for August. If you wish to provide feedback, please click on the link in the letter from Mr Lothian.**

## KEY INFORMATION

**Movement** – where possible we will aim to reduce the movement and mixing of pupils.

**PE** – where possible this will take place outdoors.

**Controlled Entry/Exit** – pupils will be allocated an entry point at a specific time based on their lesson location where there will be hand washing facilities available. There will be a one-way-system in operation throughout the school.

**Breaks/Lunch** – there will be a staggered approach to breaks and lunch to reduce the number of pupils outside at any one time. Pupils will be encouraged to bring a packed lunch. Otherwise lunch will be on an order and pick up only basis and will be also provided for pupils receiving free school meals.

**Uniform** – school uniform requirements will be relaxed during this phase. This is to recognise the requirement for more frequent washing of clothes and to enable pupils to undertake PE in their day clothes.

**Additional Support** – we will ensure that pupils with additional support needs have appropriate planning in place for both in school and remote learning.

**New S1 Pupils** – during the first few 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 will be encouraged to bring their own device.

**Wellbeing** – we are planning a soft start each morning with a focus on health and wellbeing, re-engaging with learning and making the best of the blended learning approach.