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Dear Parent/Carer

Phase 2: Return to in-person learning for S1-S3 Pupils: 15 March – 1 April 2021

I am delighted to be writing to provide you with more detail in relation to our plans for pupils to return to school next week, following the announcement from the First Minister on 2 March in the Scottish Parliament. The announcement confirmed that all young people, S1-6, would receive some time in school prior to the Easter holidays. We are so excited to be in a position to welcome your child back to Kirkintilloch High School.

The mandatory requirement for 2m physical distancing between pupils and between staff and pupils restricts the numbers that we can have in classes and in the building at any one point. Our aim is to help young people re-connect with school, support their health and wellbeing and their transition back to full-time schooling after the Easter break. Our plan ensures that all young people will have contact with the school, supports bus capacity requirements, allows online learning to continue for those not in school and prioritises time for Senior Phase learners in the run up to important SQA assessments. It is based on the latest guidance from Education Scotland (published on 3 March) and all aspects of the existing Scottish Government guidance continues to apply.

In summary, S1 – S3 pupils will attend school based on their House group, with each House group attending on a different day. Overall, this means that we will have no more than one-third of our young people in school at any one time which ensures that we can meet the 2m physical distancing requirements.

BGE pupils will attend for a session which will run from either 9.15 am – 11.50 am OR 12.15 pm – 2.50 pm on each occasion. The table below should clarify arrangements:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.15 – 11.50 am	2H	1P/3P	1S/3S	2W	1N
12.15 – 2.50 pm	1H/3H	2P	2S	1W/3W	2N

Pupils will engage in three separate sessions covering core subject areas such as PSE, Wellbeing, Outdoor Learning and fun Curricular Activities. This will mean that since they are accessing core subjects in school, there will be no online activities posted for PE/RE or PSE during these weeks and live check-ins will take place in school, not remotely.

Transport has been organised for those pupils who travel from Milton of Campsie and Twechar. Buses will leave each area at the usual start of the day time, arriving at Kirkintilloch High School for 8.40 am. There will be a pick up at Kirkintilloch High School at 11.55 am to take the morning session pupils home. There will be an additional pick up in Milton of Campsie and Twechar at approximately 12 noon to bring the pupils who are taking part in the afternoon session to Kirkintilloch High School. The bus will then leave Kirkintilloch High School at 3.00 pm (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and 3.35 pm (Tuesday and Thursday) to bring pupils back to Milton of Campsie and Twechar.

There are some important points to make regarding the routines, expectations and health and safety requirements and I would be grateful if you would take time to discuss and reinforce these with your child.

- Pupils should arrive no earlier than 9.10 am for the morning session and no earlier than 12.10 pm for the afternoon session. (Pupils from Milton of Campsie and Twechar, who arrive earlier due to bus provision, will be accommodated until their session begins).
- At all times, pupils must use the rear entrance of the building to sign-in.
- Pupils in S1 – S3 should wear clothing that is suitable for taking part in sporting and outdoor activities.
- When using school transport (operating at normal times), pupils should avoid sitting next to one another and should follow the requests of the bus driver.
- All pupils must sanitise their hands on arrival.
- Hands should be re-sanitised on entry to each class and workstations cleaned appropriately (our previous routine).
- All pupils (S1-6) must wear their own face covering at all times (in and out of the classroom, in corridors, changing rooms, communal areas and on school transport).
- 2m physical distancing between pupils and between staff and pupils is required at all times.
- Lateral Flow Testing will apply to pupils in S1 – S3 after the Easter break; we will write to confirm the arrangements for this soon.
- It goes without saying, that anyone displaying any COVID-19 symptom should not attend – be on the safe side and book a test.

I would like to sincerely thank you for everything that you have done to support our school, and your child, during these last few difficult months. We're nearly there. We look forward to seeing your child next week.

Yours sincerely,



Head Teacher #