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Dear Parent/Carer

Phase 2: Return to in-person learning for S4-6 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 applies.

All senior students will be sent out a copy of their individual timetable for in school and virtual learning via their Glow email addresses by Friday 12th March. Please ensure that your son/daughter can access these details as you will imagine that this information is bespoke and will take time to individually communicate.

All students in S5 take 5 subjects in Columns A-E. S6 students will have classes in approximately 4/5 columns. As highlighted in the table below, we plan to allocate a 2 1/2 hour in school session per column each week to support students to return to the building without having to move between classes. These mainly align with the timing of double periods on student timetables with the exception of Column B. We are confident that students already are familiar with the subject they study in each column but here is an overview as a reminder.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.15 – 11.50 am	S5/6 Column A	S4 Column C	S4 Column G	S5/6 Column B	S4 Column E
12.15 – 2.50 pm	S4 Column F	S5/6 Column C	S5/6 Column D	S4 Column D	S5/6 Column E

Senior Phase 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. S4 English and Maths, have decided that the best way to ensure a high quality experience for the next three weeks is to deliver a longer 2 ½ hour session virtually to pupils at home. English live lessons will take place on Wednesday afternoons and

Mathematics, on Thursday mornings. We will ensure that the dates your son/daughter has to attend are communicated to you. All resources for the lessons will be available to all students regardless if they are in school or at home.

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 9am for the morning session and no earlier than 12.10pm 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, senior pupils must use the front entrance of the building to sign-in.
- Pupils in S4-6 should wear school uniform at all times with the exception of those attending practical Dance activities outside.
- 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.
- Details have been communicated via Group Call to all S4 – 6 parents / student offering voluntary lateral flow Covid testing which can be carried out twice weekly at home. Kits are available to collect from our school office once consent form has been completed. Students over 16 years are able to consent individually.
- Any pupil displaying COVID-19 symptoms should not attend in school sessions.

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 #

