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Dear Parent/Carer

Further Update on the Re-opening of Breadalbane Academy w/b 10th August 2020

As you are aware, the First Minister announced yesterday that all schools should begin the process of reopening in the week beginning 10th August with a full return to take place no later than Monday 17th August.

I therefore write to confirm that we will be proceeding with our 'plan A' as set out in my letter to you of 30th June. This is as follows:

In-Service Days – 10th and 11th August 2020

There will now be two in-service days at the beginning of session to allow staff the opportunity to fully familiarise themselves with new arrangements that will be in place in the light of COVID 19. These days will also be used for the usual planning activities.

Phased Return of Pupils – 12th-14th August 2020

The first week of the new term will have a **phased return** to school for all Perth and Kinross pupils. This will enable focused time for induction for new pupils and reorientation back into the school building for current pupils.

The following phased return arrangements will be in place for our pupils:

Nursery and Primary:

Wed 12th August: Group A *
Thurs 13th August: Group B*
Friday 14th August: All pupils

(*Nursery/Primary parents were informed in my letter of 30th June as to which group their child/children are in.) Please note that nursery pupils will attend on a 9-3 pattern. Where changes are required to patterns, parents will be contacted. Due to staffing difficulties, it will no longer be possible for the Gaelic nursery to commence on Wednesday 12th August. Relevant parents have now been informed of alternative arrangements.

Secondary:

Wednesday 12th August: S1 and S6 prefects only (Transition and buddying support)
Thursday 13th August: S5 and S6 (Induction and reorientation)
Friday 14th August: S2, S3, and S4 only (Induction and reorientation)



It is very important that you note these arrangements for phased return and how they will affect your child/children's attendance during the week beginning 10th August.

All pupils (who are able) will then recommence full-time education from **Monday 17th August 2020.**

Primary and secondary school days (start and end time, lunch break) will be as normal as of Wednesday 12th August.

The school has now been provided with guidance from the Scottish Government about public health precautions that we will be required to put in place for this full-time attendance model. I attach to this letter a guide for parents that we hope will provide you with a good overview of these arrangements.

It is a huge step forward to be reopening the school and staff are excited to be undertaking face to face learning again after such a long break. However, it is essential that staff, parents and pupils collaborate to ensure that this return is a safe one for each member of our school community, as well as for Scotland as a whole. I would urge parents to read this guidance carefully and discuss it with their children. Reopening will only be successful and safe if we all take on the responsibilities that are required of us.

We look forward to welcoming our new and current pupils back in August to a safe and engaging environment. In the meantime, please do get in touch if there is anything you would like to ask about.

Yours faithfully



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