



Kinlochbervie High School



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Dear Parent/Carer

Return to School Next Week

As you are aware we are returning to school next week for all pupils. This letter is intended to set out in as much detail as possible the arrangements we are making which are specific to Kinlochbervie High School. Attached is also a set of "Frequently Asked Questions" for parents which will answer many of the questions you may have about many of the aspects of our return.

On Wednesday 12th August all pupils in S4, 5 and 6 will return to school. Pupils in S1, 2 and 3 will return on Thursday 13th August at which point all pupils will be back as normal. Wednesday will be used to ensure that our senior pupils have timetable issues resolved and to allow discussion with them about the measures we are putting in place to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff. A similar discussion will take place with the younger pupils on Thursday before they begin the normal school day.

The following points are designed to support us in this:

- Pupils are not required to socially distance from each other when in school or on transport. They do need to distance as much as possible from the driver who may be wearing PPE. Pupils can of course wear masks or face coverings should they choose to do so.
- Arrangements are in place with the transport operators to clean the buses thoroughly between trips.
- For all pupils on arrival at school arrangements are in place to ensure that hand washing and sanitiser is available and all pupils will use these facilities.
- S1 -3 pupils should enter using the pupil entrance. S4-6 should use the main entrance.
- Our numbers are small enough to ensure that we do not have crowded or congested corridors or other areas but pupils will be expected not to congregate at doorways or on stairwells and to move quickly between classes.
- Teachers and other staff will be socially distancing as much as possible and where this is not possible PPE will be worn.
- Pupils who travel to school in parents/carers cars will enter the school as normal but parents/carers are asked not to come in to the school.

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- All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitiser and with disinfectant and wipes to allow the cleaning of hard surfaces before and after use and pupils will be expected to take responsibility for cleaning desks and chairs before use.
- Lunch and break will be as normal with pupils using the canteen. Arrangements are in place to ensure that crockery is cleaned between use and not handled. Disposable cutlery will be provided. Tables and chairs will also be wiped down between each use.
- The senior common room will not be in use, older pupils are expected to distance as much as possible and the open area will be available for study.
- Pupils will be expected to take personal responsibility for ensuring their own safety and the safety of others. School will be a very different place than it was before lockdown. As much as possible we will be expecting pupils to avoid physical contact and distance as much as possible from each other and from staff.
- Visitors to the school will be kept to a minimum with parents asked to phone rather than visit in the weeks ahead.

Please be assured that we will do everything we can to keep all our school community safe and well. These arrangements will be reviewed regularly as the term progresses and of course we will follow all Highland Council and Scottish Government advice. As always please feel free to contact me should you have any concerns about the above.

Graeme Smart
Head Teacher