



Barthol Chapel School

Welcome!

A warm welcome to all families after a very long absence from school. We could not have asked for a better week in school – the children have returned after 5 months away like they were only off for the weekend! They have all settled into the routines very quickly and are excellent at remembering all the new rules. However, I think we will all be exhausted tonight! As they have probably shared, we are washing hands, sanitising hands, wiping down equipment, sneezing and coughing away from others into our arm or tissue – the list goes on.

Our new Primary 1 pupils have worked really hard during the first few days at school. They have settled into school amazingly well, considering we were not able to offer our usual induction activities!

Also, we all hope our former Primary 7 pupils, now S1 at Meldrum Academy have enjoyed the first week at school. Again, they did not manage to engage in the transition activities so this was a big step for them.

We continue to get into the swing of things. A reminder that we cannot allow parents etc. into the building. If you need to contact the school, please email or telephone.

I can share with you our full Risk Assessment which can be found here:

<https://bartholchapel.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Barthol-Chapel-School-Covid-19-Risk-Assessment-Aug-20.pdf>

Child Flu Vaccine

A leaflet containing details of the upcoming flu vaccine for children was sent home earlier this week. The School Nurse has informed us that the consent forms will be delivered to the school shortly and a provisional date for the vaccine will be set soon.

Rag Bag / Terracycle

At the moment, our Rag Bag container for used clothing is full. We are waiting for this to be emptied, but this may take four weeks. Please keep any items that you may have at home and we will notify you when the container has been emptied.

Also, we have also suspended collecting Terracycle materials for the moment. We will of course notify you when we are in a position to recycle these items again.

PE Day

We will have PE on a Thursday morning this term with Mrs Newlands. This will be held outside (weather dependent). Children can wear joggers, legging etc. to school on a Thursday if they wish. We are not changing into PE kits at this time.

We will be outside throughout the week for many learning opportunities. We have lots of weeding to do! Therefore, can children please have a jacket just in case they feel cold.

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Medicine in School

If your child requires medication during the school day, we require a completed Request for School to Administer Medication form. We cannot administer any medication, including pain relief medication, without a completed form. We now also need medicine to be in its original packaging, with the pharmacy dispensing label still attached if your child is on prescription medication.

<http://bartholchapel.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Request-for-School-toAdminister-Medication.pdf>

School Lunches

The School Catering Team have the 2 week 'Tailored' menu cycle currently running. This will now continue for an additional two weeks until Friday the 4th of September. The menu will soon be available at

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/meals/primary-school-meals/>

Parents of Primary 4-7 pupils will be able to get discounts on school meals in Aberdeenshire thanks to the UK Government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme.

The initiative has been established to support restaurants and cafes by offering a 50% discount to customers on food and drink in exchange for helping a local eatery. The scheme also applies to school lunches allowing parents and carers to obtain the discount for school meals.

It will be available in Aberdeenshire's schools from the 17th to 31st of August.

During this period, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday the price of a Primary School Meal will be available at £1.25. These tariffs will be set on the online system centrally. Primary 1-3 pupils continue to receive free school meals.

School Attendance

Please remember to contact the school before 9:30am to notify us if your child is to be absent. If your child's end of day arrangements (collected by an adult or on school bus) are to change, please remember to contact the school so we are aware of this change. This will ensure your child is in the correct line when leaving the school building. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Again, I need to remind you if we have concerns regarding symptoms that your child develops during the school day, we will contact you to collect your child immediately and arrange a test. I also ask that if you are aware of or concerned about any symptoms that your child develops at home, please do not send them to school. If a household member has symptoms, your child must also stay off school. As we get closer to the cold/flu season this will become more difficult but we all must take the necessary steps to protect everyone in our school.

Data Check Forms

We will be issuing our annual data check forms in the coming weeks to allow you to check that the details we hold in school are up to date. This will be online and you will receive further information soon. Please take the time to complete this task. To see how we handle and use your information, please refer to the Whole School Privacy Notice in the link below.

<http://bartholchapel.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wpcontent/uploads/Privacy-Notice-Whole-School-1.pdf>

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