

Barthol Chapel School

Snow!

Thank you for your understanding yesterday when the snow defeated us. It is never an easy decision to close the school. The conditions of the roads surrounding the school were extremely poor yesterday. Also, I was not able to guarantee the correct staff to pupil ratio.

I have attached a school closure sheet which will provide your child with some activities they can complete in the event the school needs to close again. This is of course optional. Please keep this in a safe place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the community for the excellent job they have made clearing the snow in the car park and playground area of the school.

Education Scotland Inspection

Thank you to the Parent Council for organising a Parent Focus Group which met with the inspection team on Tuesday. The inspection process finished on Wednesday afternoon. They were able to enjoy and witness many of the strengths of our school. The staff would like to congratulate the pupils once again for showcasing their learning in a confident way and for the continuing support we receive from all of you.

Reminders

A reminder that the performances of Dragon Days will be on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm and Thursday 14th December at 6:30pm. Tickets etc. will be organised next week

Christmas Lunch - This will be on Tuesday 12th December. An email has already been sent out.

Panto at HMT - On Wednesday 6th December. We anticipate an arrival back at school around 5:30pm approx. Please ensure an adult will be collecting your child from the school.

Christmas Party - This will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th December. Children can wear 'party clothes' on the day.

Nativity – This will be held on Friday 22nd December in the church at 2pm. Families are welcome to come along. Afterwards, a coffee afternoon will take place in the school hall. We are expecting an important visitor at our Coffee Afternoon!!!!

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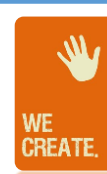
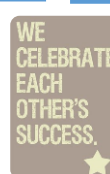
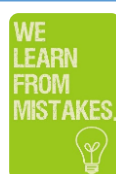
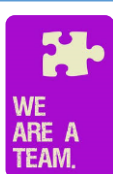
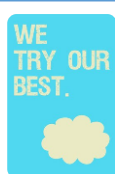
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Emergency Closure Information

It is that time of year when we remind everyone the process followed in the event the school needs to close.

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL GUIDANCE ON SCHOOL CLOSURES

School Information Line Tel: **0370 054 4999** then enter **Barthol Chapel School**
PIN : **021330**

Aberdeenshire Council Website

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

You also have the option to sign up to receive email alerts at

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/myAberdeenshire/>

When will schools be closed?

Mr Anderson will decide if and when Barthol Chapel School should close due to bad weather or another emergency such as loss of power, heating, water etc. This decision can be made during any time, day or night. We want to work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure the safety of children at all times.

School to close BEFORE THE START of the school day...

We will advise parents and carers using the above communication tools. Your local radio station is also a good place to find out information on school closures.

School to close DURING the school day...

If the School is to close early, we will contact you by telephone. If this is not possible we will contact your named 'emergency contact'. No child will be released from school without contact being made. It is important contact details are current and the people named are available – particularly during bad weather. If you are concerned about local weather conditions contact the school. You may wish to collect your child yourself and are free to do so provided you make arrangements with the school.

School Transport operators are required to provide the necessary vehicles to transport the pupils home at the earliest opportunity. If you can't meet or arrange for your child to be met, the school transport will return them to a designated location.

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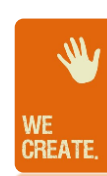
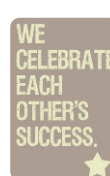
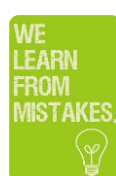
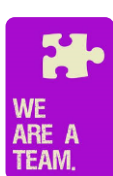
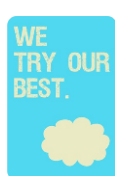
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School Transport in Adverse Weather

During periods of adverse weather some or all home-to-school transport services may not operate, or alternatively operate a curtailed service depending upon local road conditions. Any decision to cancel or amend the operation of some or all school transport services to Barthol Chapel School will be made by the bus operator following consultation with Mr Anderson and will have regard to the prevailing and forecast weather and road conditions along with any advice from Police Scotland and/or any other appropriate agency.

If school transport has been cancelled, at their own risk, parents can choose to bring their children to school. However, the parents then become responsible for conveying their children home again at the end of the school day, or earlier, if it becomes necessary to send all pupils home and close the school due to worsening weather conditions.

Information will normally be posted on the council's school closure web pages and Schools Information Line. However, it is not always possible to alert parents of service cancellations or route variations within a short timescale. As such pupils should wait no longer than 20 minutes at the designated pick-up point, and, if no school transport vehicle arrives, then return home.

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