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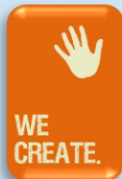
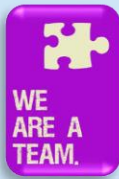
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As we enter the second week back at school, the pupils have settled well in the routines and are working extremely hard. We continue to operate with reduced staffing in the school. I thank you for your patience and understanding.

MA Student

We welcome Miss Rae to Barthol Chapel School who is training to be a Teacher at University of Aberdeen. Miss Rae will be working in the senior class for the next 5 weeks. I am sure she will have a positive experience at Barthol Chapel School.

Wind in the Willows DVD

The pupils will arrive home today with a copy of the school show. Many thanks go to Anne Ritchie who copied the recording onto DVDs for us.

Expansion of Free School Meals to Primary 5 pupils

The expansion of free school meals for P5 pupils started on Wednesday 5th January 2022. The School Meal Service are asking parents that are in arrears to please ensure they make the necessary payments to clear any outstanding balance. All accounts with a credit balance will be followed up to refund or transfer credit balance to siblings.

COVID 19 Guidance

Summary of changes from 6 January & FAQ

Positive cases are advised to self-isolate for 10 days. However, if the individual returns two consecutive negative LFD tests taken at least 24 hours apart with the first test no earlier than day 6 they may end isolation before the end of the 10-day period if they have no fever.

Close contacts who are fully vaccinated, having received 3 doses of the vaccination (plus 14 days) or are aged under 18 years and 4 months, can take daily LFD tests for 7 days instead of isolation - provided the tests are negative and they remain without symptoms. If they are not a fully vaccinated adult (3 doses of the vaccination), they will need to book a PCR test and even if this is a negative result, they will need to isolate for 10 days.

I have symptoms of Covid-19, do I need to book a PCR test or do an LFD test? PCR and LFD tests work in different ways to identify people who have COVID-19 infection. If you have any symptoms – a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss/change of taste/smell - you should book a PCR test as soon as a slot is available





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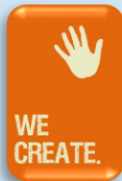
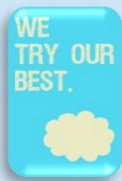
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If I have symptoms, does my household need to isolate whilst I wait my PCR results?

Some of your household may need to isolate. If they are not fully vaccinated, they will need to isolate. If they are a fully vaccinated adult or under 18 years and 4 months, they do not need to isolate as long as they continue to return daily negative LFDs until the test result is received and follow appropriate guidance thereafter.

I have tested positive on a LFD test but have no symptoms, do I need a follow up PCR?

Given the current high incidence and prevalence rates, there is no longer a requirement to book a PCR test to confirm the LFD positive result. You should only book a confirmatory PCR if the individual, parent/carer is planning on applying for the Self-Isolation Support Grant. Eligibility for the grant is that a person earns less than the real living wage, is asked by Test and Protect to isolate and will lose income as a result of isolating.

My PCR was positive, what should members of my household do?

All household members who have symptoms should isolate immediately and book a PCR test.

Fully vaccinated household members (three doses with a final dose at least 14 days ago) and household members aged under 18 years and 4 months may take 7 daily LFD tests as an alternative to isolation so long as they do not have symptoms and test negative each day;

Anyone aged over 18 years 4 months who has less than three vaccine doses should book a PCR test and, even if negative, isolate for 10 days.

Do I have to report my LFD result?

Yes, it is crucial you report your test result online as soon as possible, positive or negative. This enables us to understand the prevalence of COVID-19 in the country and, for those with positive results, so the correct advice can be given to you and those you've been in close contact with, to prevent onward spread. For further guidance on self-isolation, please visit NHS Inform. of coronavirus. This only takes a few minutes to do and you can report tests for the current day and the previous day.

My child is under 5 years old, do they need to do a test if they're identified as a close contact?

Under 5-year-olds are encouraged but not required to take a test.

