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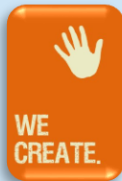
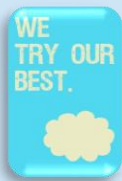
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We were delighted to hear of the fun the children had playing in the snow. We talked about the learning and skills they developed from playing in the snow. However, we do hope that we have reached the end of disruptive weather this winter.

The Government have updated the guidance “*Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on reducing the risks in schools*”. For our school there are very minimal changes. Changes come into force from Monday 28 February 2022.

- **Risk Assessments:** It is still a legal requirement that headteachers ensure that risk assessments are conducted and regularly reviewed and updated. Barthol Chapel School’s Risk Assessment can be accessed [here](#).
- **Transition Visits:** Visits for the purpose of supporting positive transition experiences for children entering P1 or S1 can now resume if appropriately risk assessed. (Details to follow).
- **Bubbles:** groupings (sometimes referred to as “bubbles”) are not required to be maintained in schools.
- **Parent/Carers Meetings:** Parents may attend school premises for individual parental visits related to the wellbeing, progress and behaviour of children. All such visits should be risk assessed and agreed in advance by schools. (Details to follow).
- **Sports Day:** Parents may attend school premises to spectate at outdoor school sports events, providing all activity is consistent with relevant Scottish Government guidance on health, physical distancing, and hygiene.
- **Ventilation:** Previous guidance on ventilation continues to apply. Windows will be opened to aid natural ventilation. Each class has a CO2 Monitor to monitor air quality across the entire school day.
- **Staff Testing:** The school continues to promote twice-weekly at-home LFD testing for staff.
- **Positive Cases:** The school should continue to be informed of positive cases as soon as possible by parents
- **Self-Isolation:** This continues to follow government advice.
- **Physical Distancing:** Physical distancing between adults, and between adults and children (as far as reasonably practical) should remain in place in the school. There is no requirement for strict physical distancing between children and young people in schools.





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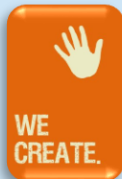
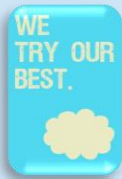
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- **School Transport:** Young people aged 12 and over are required to wear face coverings. Children aged 5-11 no longer need to do so but may continue to do so if they wish.
- **Drop off/Pick up:** If parents/carers are dropping off children, they should wear face coverings.
- **Enhanced Cleaning:** The school will continue to have a refresh clean during the school day to clean commonly touched objects and surfaces (e.g., switches, door handles and shared surfaces)

Although this is not a return to 'normal' it's a small step in the right direction. I will continue to keep you updated with any further changes in the future.

Attendance

Aberdeenshire Council have adopted an attendance procedure to monitor and improve school attendance. When your child's attendance reaches 90% or below, I will be in contact to discuss your child's attendance. I will regularly monitor attendance and contact you throughout the year if there are concerns or if your child's attendance is close to thresholds. As always, we are mindful that individual circumstances and illness have an impact on school attendance. As always please make the school aware by 9:30am if your child is going to be absent from school.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March 2022

We will be celebrating World Book Day by staging our very own "Who's That Behind the Mask?". The children will create their own mask in school of their favourite book character. They will then read a part of their favourite book behind their mask in a disguised voice. Will we be able to correctly guess who is behind the mask?

School Twitter Account

The school has a Twitter Account. It is intended that we will use this account to share our learning and developments in school. Our Twitter can be found at @BartholChapSch.

Previously, all parents signed a document to state if they consented to photographs being used on social media. We have a list of who consented and who did consent. If any parents have changed their mind, please contact the school by email to express your change of decision.

