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Dear Parents/Carers

It has now been confirmed that a phased return to school will begin on Monday 22nd February for pupils in Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3. I am delighted that we can eventually welcome some of our pupils back to school. I issued a letter last week detailing our approaches to the phased return including our mitigation measures. Safety is our number one priority and we have put a large number of protective measures in place to ensure the school environment is as safe as it can be for your child. If you have any concerns regarding the phase return, please get in touch.

For pupils in Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7, the First Minister announced that a review will take place in a fortnight. She did state that it was 'unlikely' that more pupils will return to school before 15th March. I will continue to keep you updated with information and guidance as soon as I receive this from the Scottish Government and Aberdeenshire Council.

I will be issuing a further communication this week to the parents of Primary 4 pupils regarding some slight changes to their remote learning as Mrs Rodgers will have Primary 1-3 pupils in school with Primary 4 pupils still learning at home.

To summarise:

- Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 pupils return to school, full time, on Monday 22nd February.
- Primary 4, Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils will continue to learn remotely. A review will take place in a fortnight regarding the next phase of reopening school.

For pupils returning on Monday 22nd February:

- School will start at the normal time of 0915 and end at 1530.
- Drop off and collection at school will remain the same with all parent/carers and staff required to maintain 2m distancing and wear a face covering.
- School Transport will operate as usual.
- School Meals will operate as usual (Menu Choices TBC).
- We ask that children do not take their own pencils, pencil cases etc. into school
- Water bottles are allowed and will be sent home each day to be cleaned.

- PE kit is not required at the moment.

It is vital that we all remain very vigilant with regards to symptoms of COVID-19. We need to ensure that you all consider a self-declaration process before sending your child to school.

BARTHOL CHAPEL SCHOOL COVID-19 SELF-DECLARATION



I can confirm that my child does not have:

- a high temperature or fever
- a new continuous cough
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

I can confirm my child does not live with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19.

YES, I CAN CONFIRM = Child **CAN** attend school
NO, I CANNOT CONFIRM = Child **CANNOT** attend school

Yours sincerely

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