



Friday 26th February

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Government announcement on Monday 22nd February, I can confirm that our school will be once again open to all children from Monday 8th March. We will be opening in line with our original reopening plan for last September. I ask all parents and carers to please click on the link below to access this refreshed plan and remind themselves of procedures and how school will look.

https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve_file/1002668

I cannot express how delighted the staff and I are to once again be welcoming all children back into school in one week's time. Whilst I understand that there is continued emotion around the current national situation I firmly believe that the best place for our children to be is in school continuing to learn and socialise alongside their friends and teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our families who have worked so hard alongside school to ensure the very best for all children and our community. In particular, I want to thank parents who have been working with their children at home as I recognise the pressures and challenges this brings. Balancing working and family life with schooling is a significant challenge and everyone should feel very proud of their achievements in respect of this. I also wish to thank the children. Whilst I have been so fortunate as to have the weekly opportunity to say this to them, I have also written them a letter today to thank them for their attitudes and say how excited I am to see them all back in school together.

As we return to school, it is important to remind all families that Covid -19 is a still a very real concern in society. In order to ensure the safe return of all children it is essential that everyone continues to follow the Government guidelines. I also would like to remind everyone that any class may still have to undertake a period of remote learning should a positive case of Covid-19 occur. All staff are currently participating in an asymptomatic testing programme and all families should have procedures in place to ensure children have care should this happen. Our remote learning policies are now clear and available on the website and can be accessed clicking the link below.

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/covid19-information/82865>

Finally, I wish to thank all the staff at Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary School for their tremendous dedication to our wonderful children during these last 8 weeks in particular. Managing remote learning and children in school is a very new experience for us all and everyone at school has worked incredibly hard to ensure we can deliver this for our children.

I'd like to wish you all a lovely weekend. Enjoy the nice weather and stay safe.

Mr D Kennedy
Headteacher