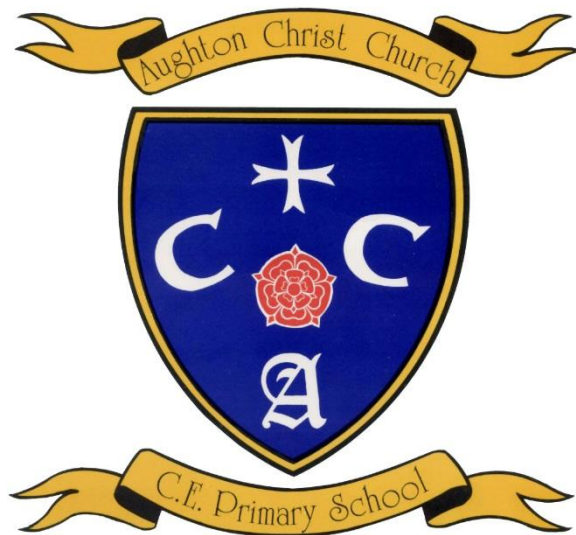


December 2021

Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary School

Return to School Guidance for
January 2022

Plan A



Return to school in January 2022

Government guidance currently allows school to operate without the ***bubble structure, other social distancing measures*** and ***some control measures*** that have previously been in place for children. Our school has been doing this from September 2021 very successfully and will continue to operate in this way should Government guidance allow. **This is our plan A.**

Government guidance also means we were able to remove our staggered start/finish times and revert many aspects of school back to how school was working before the pandemic started. Below details some key changes to be aware of.

Before focussing on our return to school, we need to be clear that the pandemic has not gone away and as per Government guidelines, we now need to learn to live with Coronavirus. As such some of the general measures implemented during the past 18 months need to remain in place. From time to time, our arrangements may need to be reviewed in the event of any increase in infections or changes in government guidelines.

As with everything we have achieved as a school community over the last 2 years, we know that we will continue to need to adapt and change to work within an ever-changing landscape. I would like to thank our whole school community for continuing to work with us to ensure the very best for our children.

Mr D Kennedy

Headteacher

The School Day

The school day will continue to operate in normal hours for all classes as of **1st January 2022**.

School registration will be at **8:55 am**. Children will be met by staff 10 minutes prior to this at **8:45 am** so children can come in, start learning and be ready for 8:55 am registration. We ask parents to be at the relevant entrance points promptly at **8:45 am** to support the organisation of the school day. Ensuring your children are in school promptly has a huge impact on their learning.

Entrance and Exit Points

During our school organisation due to Covid-19 we have used different ways of entering and leaving our school site. These have been successful in many ways and we will be continuing with different entrance and exit points for different classes next term. As with all school procedures, we will be evaluating this as we move through the autumn term. The information below details the entrance points for your child's class. **Siblings will use the entrance and exit points of the youngest child.** E.g. if you have a Year 1 and Year 3 child, please use the Year 1 entrance and collection points. They will then walk to their own class internally.

Reception entrance – front of school and green side gate entrance. Parents will line up in our yellow path at the front of school, hand their child over to staff at the green gate and then leave via the main drive.

Year 1 and Year 2 – back of school entrance. Parents will enter at the back of school and wait on the black play ground. Staff will then blow a whistle to line-up children on the playground in a zoned area before taking them into class. Parents should leave via the back gate.

Year 3 and 4 - front of school entrance. Parents will enter via the main school gate and continue to line up on the path way. Children will enter via the main door once staff open this at 8:45am. Parents should then leave via the main drive.

Year 5 and 6 – back of school entrance. Parents and children to enter via the back of school and line up on the running path. Teachers will then invite children from the running path and line up on the red playground. Parents should then continue around the running path and leave via the back gate of school.

Collecting of children at the end of the day. School finishes at 3:30pm. Parents should line up as we have been doing this year and wait at the relevant points to collect children in an organised and orderly way (Parents collecting Year 1 and 2 on the black playground are able to just wait in a space). Children will be handed over to the parents in an organised way and leave the school site promptly.

Handing over of children

For safeguarding purposes, children will only be handed to known parents/carers at the end of the day. Your child will not be allowed to leave with friends or relatives who are not on our collection list. If you wish for another person to collect your child, please put this in writing to the school at bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk

P.E

Getting changed for P.E is a key part of children becoming independent. Also, having a kit in school helps with clubs and other events. We are therefore asking that all P.E kits are once again brought into school for children to get changed into on the days they have lessons planned.

Lunchtimes and break times

Children will once again be eating together in the Hall and playing with other year groups. As a school we may make some internal decisions on how we structure lunchtimes for the benefit of the children to make break times and lunch times the best experience for them.

Worship

During the last 18th months whole school worship and any assemblies have been held on zoom. We know the importance of physically coming together as a whole school community and will once again be holding worship together in the hall.

School Events and clubs

School events have changed dramatically over the last 2 years with many meetings taking place virtually and many usual events being unable to take place in the normal way. As we move through the spring term we will be keeping you fully informed of any school events and clubs we are able to hold. During the first term of school, we were able to hold nativities and parents evening as well as sporting events. I hope everyone understands that at this point we are not in a position to outline **any extra curricular clubs or key events** and **we will do this upon the return to school in January.**

key Control Measures

During the last 18th months, school has functioned incredibly successfully and is now confident and experienced in working within a pandemic. As school reopens after the Christmas break in January 2022 we will continue to have key control measures in place to prevent transmission of the virus which are in line with Government guidance.

Key Government Advice on control measure	Key school control measures
1.Ensure good hygiene for everyone	
Hand hygiene Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You should continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.	All children to clean hands on entry to school and at key points during the day including break times and lunch times by washing with soap and water or hand sanitiser School ensures adequate supplies of soap and hand sanitiser are available. Hygiene rules to be discussed with children regularly and poster displayed around school.
Respiratory hygiene The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.	The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach is promoted in school and discussed with children.

	<p>Tissues are available and all children are briefed on procedures of blowing noses and disposal of waste. Lidded bins are provided in each area for disposal of waste.</p> <p>Children briefed on importance of positive behaviour, expectations and school rules regarding keeping of hygiene. School rules have been refreshed to reflect COVID – 19 and are evident around school. See behaviour policy. https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve_file/739442</p>
<p>Use of personal protective equipment (PPE)</p> <p>Most staff in schools will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. The guidance on the use of PPE in education, childcare and children’s social care settings provides more information on the use of PPE for COVID-19.</p>	<p>All staff in school have access to PPE as required and to us in line with government guidance.</p>
<p>2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents</p>	
<p>You should put in place and maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This should include regular cleaning of areas and equipment (for example, twice per day), with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.</p> <p>PHE has published guidance on the cleaning of non-healthcare settings.</p>	<p>Each classroom has its own cleaning material. All surfaces are cleaned at the end of at the start of each day, during each day and at the end of each day.</p> <p>Cleaning procedures are in place and monitored at start and end of day and a daily evaluation of cleaning is carried out by the SLT. Cleaning procedures include regular cleaning of touch points.</p> <p>Daily health and safety check is done with D Kennedy (Headteacher) D Keen (Site Supervisor) and C Geeson (Health and Safety Officer). These are done before start of school each day to check all aspects of cleaning.</p> <p>Deep cleaning planned during school breaks and before wider reopening.</p>

3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated	
When your school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.	School monitors Co2 in all classrooms across school. All rooms in the school have windows which are opened to create air flow and ventilation. Where possible windows will be left open during lessons, if this is not practical, windows will be fully opened when unoccupied to fully purge the air. At key points in the day ventilation is also improved through opening doors, at these times increased consideration will be given to security of the building.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19	
Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine). If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice.	School will continue to work within Government guidance regarding Covid-19. In particular the following procedures are in place. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular asymptomatic staff testing, to be reviewed at the end of September • Isolation and testing of symptomatic members of the school community • Regular updates and reminders to parents of Covid-19 symptoms and school and government procedures • children do not attend school with Covid-19 symptoms

Additional Expectations

As we start school again in January, we would like to remind all parents/carers and children of the following school expectations regarding uniform and belongings. We are adding these clarifications to support the return to school and will add to these as necessary.

1. School bags –We are now allowed to bring bags into school. This does look different in different part of school **Please** ensure children only come to school with the relevant bags to support organisation.

Reception children – Children have been issued with a bag upon arrival into school and do not need to bring in anything except a **water bottle, lunch box (if having a packed lunch)** and **P.E bag** (Which will remain in school).

Children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 – To only bring their **school book bag** into school, **water bottle** and **lunch box** if required. A P.E kit should be kept in school in a **P.E bag**.

Children in Year 5 and 6 – As children are now preparing for high school, children are invited to bring in a **rucksack** in which they keep their school items. This rucksack should be a sensible size.

****We ask that no key rings or toys are attached to bags as this causes a storage issues. All children in school are provided with pencils, materials and necessary writing equipment. However, should they wish, children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 can also bring a pencil case into school again but this must fit in the bag they bring and also be able to fit in their tray.***

2. Uniform should be as stated in our school prospectus – in particular children should wear sensible school shoes which allow them to run and play.
3. Ear piercings – children with ear piercings need to be able to remove these themselves on P.E days or bring tape to cover up. Only stud earrings should be worn. No other jewellery should be worn except watches.
4. Water bottles – Children should bring a clear plastic bottle (maximum of 500ml) filled with water (not juice) each day. No metal bottles should be brought into school.
5. Snacks – All children can bring a healthy snack into school for morning break. No crisps, chocolates or sweets are allowed.

Outbreak Management Plan

In the case of a Covid-19 outbreak it may be necessary to revert to a different school organisation once again. These procedures would be similar to those we have worked in during the last 18 months so parents and children should feel confident and at ease with them. Any procedures within our management plan would be adapted to meet the needs of our children following ongoing risk assessments and changes in government and dfe guidance. Click on the link to view our ***Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan***.

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