



School Closure Notice – Update Thursday 19th March 2020

Following on from yesterday's announcement, I'd like to remind all parents that the last day of school will be **Friday 20th March**. As part of these arrangements, everyone has been made aware that we have made provision for your children to continue to receive work to support their education at home, during normal term time.

Please could you send an e-mail to your child's class email which is noted below:

Reception	reception@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk
Year 1	class1@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk
Year 2	class2@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk
Year 3	class3@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk
Year 4	class4@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk
Year 5	class5@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk
Year 6	class6@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk

In the e-mail, please state your child's name and agreement to your email address receiving work from school. The teacher will then create an address book with your details in. **I ask everyone to email this address before 12:00pm tomorrow (Friday 20th March).**

If you do not have access to an email please call school and let us know. **All children have now been issued with work books.** I ask that if you are not currently in school to ask someone you know will be in school tomorrow to collect your child's work book and drop this off at your house. If this is not possible, please email school at busar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk and I will arrange to have a work book dropped off for your child.

The first set of work will be sent through by e-mail on **Tuesday 24th March 2020**, the second day of closure. This will allow teachers an opportunity to prepare and organise work.

Work To Be Given To Children At Home

As I advised yesterday, each morning during normal term time, before 11:00am, children will be sent a set of work to complete which will support their learning in school. We feel this will be an important part of normality for all children and ensure that there is as little disruption to the children's education as possible.

The work which will be sent home will comprise of an English task, an additional reading task and a Mathematical task. In addition, the teacher will set tasks which link to their current topic work. Each task will have a clear learning objective and be in line with how children work in school to ensure they feel familiar with the tasks set. As I'm sure you understand, different year groups may take a slightly different age appropriate approach to support the children.

All tasks can be read off screen and should be completed in the work book, which has been sent home with your child today or on paper you have at home if you are no longer at school. If you wish for a work book to be dropped off please let me know. Work should be kept together to be returned to school upon reopening.

I would ask that if you have any big concerns about the work, please do let the class teacher know in an email so they can note this for discussion with your child upon return to school or support them in setting the next task. However, I please ask parents to understand that it will be very difficult for the teacher to respond by email to all individual issues and to please consider these arrangements are very different to normal schooling.

School for children of Key Workers and other children

As the Government has advised, school is now planning to organise for the care of the children of parents of **key workers** or **other identified needs**. I understand that we are all waiting for exact guidance on some elements of key workers and other criteria to be published and ask everyone to continue to refer to **Government guidance to see if your child meets the designated criteria**. I understand this will be clarified for everyone so please continue to check Government updates.

I ask anyone who feels this applies to them to complete the slip at the bottom of this letter in paper copy or by email by 9:00am on Friday 20th March at the latest so we can start organise the care for these children.

I hope everyone understands that we are awaiting some clarification on aspects of these arrangements before announcing them to you. I can confirm that we are **currently planning** for this care to be **held at our school** for identified children and hope to confirm all arrangements and be able to answer all queries for relevant families tomorrow.

Please contact us if you have any concerns about this.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone in our school community for the tremendous support we are receiving and ask for continued understanding as we strive to have everything in place for the coming weeks to ensure everyone is receiving the support they need. Having spoken to many of you over the past few days, the support and encouragement from all our families has been very much appreciated. In particular, all of our children have been tremendous in every part of school life over the last few weeks and I would like to sincerely thank them for their amazing attitudes.

This continues to be an exceptional set of circumstances for school and our society and we hope that everyone appreciates that we are doing our very best to support all of the children in continuing their learning at this time. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family well at this challenging time and ask that as a community we continue to support each other and work together under the government guidance to ensure the best for everyone. Any concerns should please be sent to the school e-mail address as normal: bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk which will continue to be monitored daily. I ask everyone to continue to check our school website regularly for updates and as a school we will continue to use our App to send out relevant messages.

Mr D Kennedy

Headteacher



Slip for key workers and other children requiring emergency school care

Childs Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Any additional information: _____
