



Our school value this half term is: "service"

'Serve one another in love' Galatians 5.13

Notices

Hello everybody,

I hope you are all well and are continuing to keep safe. I can't believe it is the 1st May tomorrow. The change of month shows that we are now well into our summer term in school.

School and life in general continues to be different for us all and I hope everyone is finding the work sent home for the children supportive. I have had the pleasure of speaking to many families over the last 2 months and I'd like to thank everyone for the many supportive emails, messages and conversations we have received in school. All these messages of support are so helpful for everyone at school. Staying in touch is so important for us all, so please continue to do so. In particular, I would like to ask anyone with concerns about anything at all to contact school via email. I will then give you a call and discuss these with you.

I'd also especially like to remind everyone the most important aspect of the school closure is ensuring everyone stays well, safe and remains positive in these challenging times. Please do not feel anxious about the school work set and if you are feeling worried I ask **please** send an email to school and we can arrange to give you a call to discuss any worries. Whilst I understand this may not solve all the issues, sometimes a conversation can really help.

As I've said each week, I really have been amazed by all the super things the children are doing at home and feel incredibly proud of our whole school community for sticking together and working so hard in this very different time. Every email we get and photo that is sent in continues to reflect the exceptional children that make up our school. So please continue to share these with us—we are loving seeing them all. Part four of **#we're all in this together - our school is more than a building** is now live. To view please click below and enjoying seeing what everyone has been up to! The first soundtrack is a song we sing in school about **perseverance** which is certainly a value we are needing in these times!

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/were-all-in-this-together---our-school-is-more-than-a-building/66643>

I know many people will be wondering **how** and **when** things will change and schools may return. The honest answer to this is that **we don't yet know yet** which makes it incredibly hard for any of us to think too far ahead. As with all aspects of society, schools are guided by the government guidance which continues to be that school remain closed for the majority of children. As soon as this changes, I can assure you I will be letting everyone know how that will look for everyone in our school. In the meantime, we will continue to work with you all as we have been ensuring that our children receive the very best they can.

The remainder of today's newsletter is a reminder of all the different ways we are supporting our families. I ask everyone to please have a look at our **online safety updates** on page 2 as **Oscar's Adventure** has now been added to this which you may wish to do with your children.

Last week, we also launched our **service challenge** and we are inviting children, parents and families to send in new photos of **examples of service** as we celebrate the amazing things everyone is doing to support each other. To differentiate the photos from examples of the amazing home school photos, please send in the email with the title **Service** and the **child's first name and Year group remembering to** keep the photo landscape if possible.

Send to;

photos@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk

Click here for more information and **PLEASE** get involved!

https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve_file/509322

So I wish you all a lovely end to the week, take care, stay safe and please keep in touch.

Mr D Kennedy

Headteacher

Reminder of School Support During Closure

1. Our **e-mailing system** ensures we provide the children with work each day to **continue their learning** and keep in touch with their teachers every day.
2. **School is open for Key workers** and continues to **be available for all families** should you need to contact us.
3. **#we're all in this together - our school is more than a building**. This part of our website reflects many of the wonderful things everyone is doing at home and allows our whole school community to share these experiences. This can be viewed in the **parents** section of the website.
4. We are also providing **more regular updates** than just our weekly newsletter as things change and as we hope to keep everyone as up to date as possible with school life.
5. I have written an **open letter to all the children** which I have sent to them via their class emails and have published this online in the newsletter section.
6. **'Born To Move' is a PE online resource** which everyone should now have a log on for.

7. links to a range of resources and online lessons to support families with home school. **Please see PAGE 3**



Children of Key workers

In line with Government guidance, we are continuing to arrange **emergency** care for children of key workers next week. We are continuing to organise this provision in our school with our staff between the hours of **8:45am and 3:30pm**.

Whilst school will continue to offer the emergency care, I ask all of our families to continue to support school by working within the government guidance '**when possible children should remain at home as this is the safest place for them.**' It is important children are not sent in unless absolutely necessary to comply with the social distancing regulations.

However, if you feel you will need the emergency care for your child, please email school at: **busar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk** with the following information.

1. Please give the name(s) of your child (ren).
2. Please state the days over the next week that you will require care. We will need to know which days next week exactly you require emergency care as this will impact upon the arrangements that we need to put in place and allow us to ensure the safety of staff and children. Each Thursday we will ask you to confirm this for the week ahead.

It will be important to have this information by **today 5:00 pm at the latest**. We will then reply to your e:mail confirming the arrangements. **We are asking for this information each week as many factors change from week to week.**

If you have any concerns about these arrangements or do not hear about care we have organised for your child on Friday, please email or call school and I will discuss concerns with you.

Please remember we will be here to discuss any concerns you have.

Mr D Kennedy
Headteacher

Online Safety and Parent Information and support

'Oscar's Adventures' has been added to our Online Safety Page on the website This is about Oscar and his adventures within the Online World. It can be used as a story book with your children, reading and discussing each stage of his adventures. Can you together, help Oscar make the right decisions and remain safe online

Please click on the link below to view relevant information and continue to hold regular conversations with your children about this.

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/online-safety/49955>

In addition to our own website the Government is also recommending the following links.

[Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)

[Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

[Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

[LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

[Net-aware](#) (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)

Further guidance and support for parents on many issues can also be accessed in the following Government link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Free School Meals

We have been contacting relevant families but if your child is receiving free school meals and you would like some further information about provision or support or are struggling please email:

bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk

Please note this *does not include* universal free school meals for children in EYFS and KS1. If you are unsure, please send school an email and we can contact you to discuss.



Supporting home learning (click on the links)

Advice for parents and careers

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19#contents>

Government recommended resources

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

Government link including NEW online academy

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Websites and ideas to help parents with home learning

1. www.teachyourchildtoread.co.uk to help your child with reading.
2. Everyone knows that exercise improves physical health. But perhaps what is less known is the impact it can have on our mental health - this is especially true for children.
Joe wicks YouTube
3. www.jr.brainpop.com
Focused activities such as puzzles and building Lego constructions can help keep children occupied while arts and crafts help them stay creative.
4. Consider setting up playdates via **Skype or Zoom** can help while in self-isolation. Be mindful of safeguarding procedures.
5. **The National Literacy Trust** also launched an online zone for parents looking for ideas and activities whilst their children are home due to school closures. It includes reading and writing activities, book lists, videos, competitions and reading challenges.
6. **The BBC** announced it would ramp up its educational programmes to help parents staying home with children.

Ten helpful websites resources for children :

1) 123 Homeschool for ME

Free printable worksheets and educational activities to help making learning fun. Resources arranged by grade or subject.
Website: <https://bit.ly/2xcpnJc>

2) 2Simple

Purple Mash is a website designed for children aged 3-11. It contains many creative tools ie: coding, animation, publishing, art and also applications for maths, spelling and grammar.
Website: <https://bit.ly/2U3BIZg>

3) BBC Bitesize

Bitesize is the BBC's free online study support resource for school-age students in the United Kingdom. It is designed to aid students in both schoolwork and, for older students, exams.

Website: <https://bbc.in/2UIDPqc>

4) 5-a-day

Lots of exercise activities for movement breaks.

Website: <https://bit.ly/2Qv7yMs>

5) ABDO

ABDO's entire eBook collection is now available to students to access at home for free.

Website: <https://bit.ly/2wrid3H>

6) ActivityVillage

Activity Village provides thousands of colouring pages, crafts, puzzles, worksheets and more, for parents and teachers.

Website: <https://bit.ly/2J8tHf7>

7) All Kids Network

We offer FREE educational resources, worksheets, writing prompts, themed colouring pages, craft and snack ideas for parents, teachers and caregivers.

Website: <https://bit.ly/2U7ctVU>

8) Artrageous with Nate

Videos about artists and art projects to create.

Website: <https://bit.ly/2vBaobi>

9) Bamboo Learning

Bamboo Learning offers FREE voice-based applications (Alexa skills) that cover a range of academic subjects, including math, ELA/listening comprehension, and social studies.

Website: <https://bit.ly/33xffad>

10) Black Box Education

Digital and interactive resources for drama, dance and theatre.

Website: <https://bit.ly/3diSijt>

<https://www.teachwire.net/news/coronavirus-how-are-uk-schools-dealing-with-this-health-crisis#pri>
<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Top Tip:

Trying to mimic a classroom environment at home just isn't going to work, but setting out roughly what you plan to do each day will really help.