

Dear Parents/Carers, I am writing to you today with two main updates.

1. Keeping in touch sessions

As you are all aware we are now inviting parents to book a one to one *keeping in touch session* for your child with their teacher. This part of our home school will only apply to those children **not returning to school on Monday 22nd June,** as the children who are returning will all have the opportunity to talk to their teachers and key adults in school. The groups returning to school *will not be able* to access this facility. Therefore this option is now open to the following year groups:

- Year 2 children not accessing Key worker provision
- Year 3 children not accessing Key worker provision
- Year 4 children **not** accessing Key worker provision
- Year 5 children not accessing Key worker provision
- Any child **not** returning to school in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6

If your child *is* in one of these groups you can now book an appointment for them. The keeping in touch sessions will be pastoral meetings that are designed to support your child's well-being for approximately 5 minutes. As we welcome back more children, I would like to assure all parents that I am exploring ways in which we can further support children who are not yet returning to school. This is certainly the first step in this. Details of this facility and how to book a session are available on page 2.

2. Catch up Curriculum

There is much in the news about a *catch up curriculum* for children. Whilst we await clearer Government guidance on what they are planning and what they wish to happen, I feel it is now important to reassure all parents about this.

All the staff in school know your children incredibly well. We are now starting to welcome back more children and hope to have all the children back in school as soon as possible. Teaching is a craft which means we **assess** your children's learning, **plan** to meet their needs and then create **learning opportunities** to **teach** them the things they need. Irrespective of work they may have missed or struggled with, once they are back in school we will be working with all children in a variety of innovative ways to ensure that we meet their needs. All the staff at Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary School are experienced in helping children to catch up learning concepts and we will support your children with this on returning to school. Whilst I'm aware that the media surrounding this issue may cause some anxieties, I ask you all **not to worry** about this.

As we move forward into the autumn term 2020 and spring term 2021, this is something we will do together. All of your children have many of the foundations of learning appropriate for their ages already in place. Once they are back in school, we will be working incredibly hard to ensure we meet their needs so they fulfil their potential on their learning journey with us.

Mr D Kennedy Headteacher

Keeping in touch session with your child's class teacher

If your child is in *Year 2, 3, 4 or 5* or **not attending school** the week beginning Monday 22nd June 2020 you can now book a one to one keeping in touch session with their teacher for them on zoom or by telephone.

These sessions can be either a telephone **or** video link session using zoom. The session for your child will be approximately 5 minutes with their teacher.

If you are unsure how to use *zoom* please see the guidance on page 3.

In order to request a session please *copy and paste* the below *agreement and request slip* into an *email*. Please then send this to your class email that you receive work from. Teachers are organising the catch up sessions around their curriculum duties in school so session will be organised within their timetables. Sessions will only be organised between 1pm - 3pm and given at the direction of the class teacher. Please tick your choice of session (telephones or zoom) and best time for you to have the session. Once you have returned this to your child's class teacher, you will be sent an appointment card for the meeting.

Keeping in touch session		
I (parent/carer) wish to request an appointment with my child (child's name) in Year (year group). I wish to do this: (please tick as appropriate):		
 I agree: To ensure my child is happy to be on the catch up call. To be in the room with my child during the call. To ensure no recording of the call is made. That the session will be approximately 5 minutes. 		
Please tick the times best for you:		
Time	Preference (feel free to tick both)	
1-2 pm		
2-3 pm		

Using Zoom

How to join a Zoom meeting on desktop via meeting invite link

- 1. Click on the meeting invite URL that the host shared via email or text.
- 2. Open the Zoom app.
- Approve the request for permission to use your computer's audio and camera. Depending on the meeting's set-up, you may enter the meeting right away, you may need to wait for the host to arrive first or you may be placed into a waiting room that the host controls.

How to join a Zoom meeting through a web browser

You don't need to install any extra software to join or even host a Zoom meeting. You can do it all through a web browser.

- 1. Click on the meeting invite URL that the host shared via email or text.
- 2. A new tab will open on your preferred web browser. If you don't have the Zoom desktop app installed, the page will urge you to download the app.
- 3. Ignore that and skip down to the small print: "If you cannot download or run the application, join from your browser."
- 4. Click the highlighted text in "join from your browser".
- 5. Sign in with your name to join the meeting.

How to join a Zoom meeting on mobile (iPhone, Android)

Download the Zoom app for iOS or for Android on Google Play, and set it up using your contact information —Open the mobile app.

- 1. Tap on "Join a Meeting."
- 2. Enter the meeting ID and your name and set audio/video permissions.
- 3. Tap on the meeting invite URL that the host shared via email or text, which will open the Zoom app. *The app may ask for permission to use your phone's camera.*

Again, depending on the meeting's set-up, you may enter the meeting right away, you may need to wait for the host to arrive first or you may be placed into a waiting room that the host controls.