



Our school value this half term is: "Truthfulness"

"Tell the truth to each other." Zecharia 8.16

Good afternoon everyone,

As we approach the end of this week our school continues to move forward in bringing back more children. On Monday, we are delighted to now be able to welcome back children in **Reception**, **Year 1** and **Year 6** alongside our key worker children who have applied for provision. On Monday we are expecting **100** children to attend school which I'm sure will be an emotional moment for many. I continue to be aware of the many emotions attached to a return to school and all I can say is the staff and I are incredibly excited to be welcoming more children back on Monday.

I would like to reassure any parents whose children may be worried about returning to school after this long break away that this would be normal. We will be ensuring all children feel happy and comfortable in the first days of their return. What I'd like to let you all know is that all the children who have been attending school as part of our keyworker provision have thoroughly enjoyed and thrived in their pods. I know this will continue to be the case for any children attending school.

To get to this point has taken a significant amount of work and desire on behalf of our whole school community. Being able to welcome back so many children in such an organised and positive way is a tremendous achievement and something everyone in school feels so pleased and proud about. I would like to sincerely thank all you all for your fantastic support, encouragement and belief in our school at this time. It is only through working together we have been able to achieve this.

However, I am very aware that this is still only the start of our journey to ensuring that every one of our children is back in school. We miss these children incredibly every day. I also wish to reassure all parents whose children are not yet able to return that the governors, staff and I are evaluating the situation every week. We continue to monitor Government guidance carefully to ensure we can update you as soon as we can on how school will look for your children moving forward. Due to this delayed return for these children, we have now organised some pastoral sessions for your children to talk to their class teacher.

Please click on the link below for details of this:

https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve_file/659378

Home-school for these children will continue **and** we will **continue to develop** the ways in which we are working with children not yet returning to school and communicate closely with families whose children are in these groups.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all well for the weekend and look forward to seeing many of you on Monday morning.

Mr D Kennedy

Headteacher

School Closure Tomorrow– Friday 19th June

A reminder that **school is closed tomorrow** as the day is being used to prepare for wider opening for more children. There is **no key worker provision**.

Staying In Touch

During the school closure period, we have been staying in daily contact with all our families through E-mail. As I've noted previously, we have also really enjoyed getting responses from everyone and sometimes having the opportunity to have a phone conversation. Staying in touch is crucial and whilst we have ensured we have had responses from every family, we please ask that everyone continues to stay in touch and reply to our emails as we want to know that everyone is ok and to see if there are issues or things we can help you with. Sometimes talking things through with us can help and we really are here for you to have that conversation. Also, talking to you about how things are and getting that feedback really helps us all in school respond to situations in the best way as we continue to work with you.

Photo sharing - #we're all in this together our school is more than a building

The response we've had has continue to be amazing. Please keep sending your experiences and photos in. To get involved ;

1. email photos@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk
2. attach any photos as images
3. Do not include any surnames in the caption
4. Try to keep photos landscape if possible as this works better for display online.

A new video has been published, please click on the link below to have a look at this page

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

Truthfulness

Our value this half term is Truthfulness. As a family we would ask you to discuss this quote below together:

Be **truthful**, gentle and fearless.

(Mahatma Gandhi)

Why do you think Gandhi believed the **truth** should be told with gentleness?

Truth is...

Trustworthy words and actions

Respect for doing the right thing

Uncovering the full picture

Telling it as it is

Having all the facts



Please continue to be aware of our online safety guidance and take time to view these links and discuss with your children.

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

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/>

PSHE Home Learning (click on the link)

KS1

Emotional Well-being

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxccwmn>

KS2

Emotional Well-being

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztkk7ty>