



Our school value this half term is: "Truthfulness"

"Tell the truth to each other." Zecharia 8.16

Good afternoon everyone,

We have been delighted to welcome children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back to school this week. All the children who have attended school have been amazing and our procedures in school have worked really well.

In particular, our drop off and pick up procedures have ensured a really calm start to the start and end of the day and have meant that everyone has come into and left school calmly. I'd like to thank all parents for their support with this as I know it can take a bit longer but it has really helped.

Please check procedures by clicking the link below to ensure you are aware of the times and pick up points for your child along with further guidance to support this.

https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve_file/669873

Whilst we are delighted that we have so many children back in school we are really missing the children who have not yet returned. Due to the delayed return for these children, we have put in place the opportunity for these children to meet with their class teacher via zoom for a pastoral keeping in touch session. Please click on the link below to access details of this.

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

If you would like to book a keeping in touch session for your children please return the reply slip on the link to the class email and your child's teacher will be in touch.

As we approach the end of this week I am hopeful that the government will release details soon on how we will be able to ensure the children who are not yet back in school can return. I would like to continue to reassure all our parents that once the Government have announced guidance I will be working within this to develop a plan for these children too.

Mr D Kennedy

Headteacher

Universal Free School Meals

Having been back at school for one week now, we would like to offer children in **Reception** and **Year 1** only the opportunity to book a free school meal for their child. As you be aware this is covered by the **Universal Free School Meal Scheme**. We are currently only offering a cold option and children can choose a *ham, tuna* or *cheese* sandwich . All parents have been sent a letter about this to their class email and we ask they reply if they would like to take this option. All other children in school **must** continue **to bring a packed lunch** into school.

Staying In Touch

During the school closure period, we have been staying in daily contact with all our families though 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>