



Our school value this half term is: "Truthfulness"

"Tell the truth to each other." Zecharia 8.16

Update on school reopening

Good afternoon everyone,

As we enter July and approach the end of the school year, life continues to be very different for us all. As I have said many times, we are on a journey together which will continue for many months to come.

Last week we saw the return of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Over the last two weeks I have been delighted with the attitudes of the children returning to school. The staff and I have seen the school building come alive again with more children learning, which has been an emotional time in the school year for us all. I would like to say to all parents and families of these children how very proud the staff and I are of them all for the way they have coped so well with the unique times and return to school life .

Equally these emotions of joy at seeing so many children back in school has been mixed with the upset that many children are not yet back. For the last two weeks we have been waiting for Government guidance on how all our children can return to school. Yesterday many of you will have seen that the Government confirmed that all children can return to school in September and have laid out guidance for schools. Over the coming week I will be using this guidance to put together a plan for September 2020 which will outline how our school will look for you and your children as we move forward.

In order to reassure all parents on moving forward it is worth highlighting that school has been running incredibly successfully for children of key workers and more recently Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 during the whole of the Covid19 pandemic. I am looking forward to creating our new plan alongside staff and Governors to reopen school to all children in the autumn term in line with government guidance.

Next week I will be communicating how school will look for you and your children in **September** and how we will prepare them for this. I'd like to wish you all a very restful weekend and looking forward to writing to you again next week to keep you informed.

Mr D Kennedy
Headteacher

Universal Free School Meals

Having been back at school for two weeks 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.

Tower Wood Refunds for Year 6

Miss Sefton will be organising Tower Wood refunds via cheque. We're asking parents of Y6 children to please send an email to bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk with your child's name, your name (who the cheque is to be made payable to), your current address and a picture of your Tower Wood Payment Booklet attached to correspond with our own records. We aim to get these refunds to you in the next 2 weeks. If this is not possible, cheques will be posted to your address and you will be informed via email if this is the case.

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