



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, I am writing to update you all on some key areas of school life.

### **1. Class structure and reopening in September 2020**

Last week, the government announced that all children can return to school in September. I am now developing a plan alongside staff and governors to identify in detail how this will look for our school. This plan will be published next week ensuring that everyone is aware of how September will look before the summer break. What I can confirm is school **will be open to all children** and will have the following teaching structure.

Reception - Miss Geeson

Year 1 - Miss Jenkins

Year 2 - Miss Fletcher

Year 3 - Mrs Chapple

Year 4 –Mrs Nolan

Year 5 - Mrs Frackelton

Year 6 - Mr Swift

The new class teachers will be emailing a short welcome video to their new classes to introduce themselves next week.

### **2. Last week of term and reports**

Next week is the last week of term. School will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at the current allocated times for each pod. A report **will be** emailed to you next week from your child's class email to reflect this academic year in school. Your child's report will look slightly different this year due to school closure but it will form the first part of reporting to you on your child's progress over the coming 6 months. This process will include:

**July 2020 – end of year report**

**September 2020 – Parents evening and report card**

**December 2020 – Report card with an opportunity to discuss concerns**

Through these three processes, we will be keeping you fully informed of your child's progress as we continue reopening school to all children.

For **Year 6** children, their end of year report will look slightly different to reflect the fact that this is the end of primary school. Parents of Year 6 children have also been sent a separate letter today with further information about next week as this is their final week in primary school.

### **3. Pastoral and well-being support for children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5**

Whilst we had hoped children in these year groups would have returned to school before the end of term, government guidance has meant this has not been possible. The staff and I recognise the challenges this has presented on many levels. Due to the children not returning, teachers have offered recent pastoral zoom meetings to keep in touch with children in addition to the existing home learning emailing system. These sessions have been really successful and I'd like to thank all children and their families for taking part in these. As these children are not returning to full time school until September, I feel it is important to offer the children the opportunity to come into school to meet with their teacher to support their well-being as we finish the school year and prepare for September.

These sessions will be held next week. Children from these year groups will be invited to take part in an outdoor circle time for 30 minutes in the afternoon. The children will be invited into school in small groups on the allocated afternoon for their class. Whilst we understand some of these allocated days may not be possible for some children we do not have the capacity to offer alternate days or times. Children who are currently accessing key worker provision in school will not be able to join these sessions as they are working within school pods. Instead, the class teacher leading their pod will be having some pastoral discussions with them during their time in school.

Year 5 – Monday afternoon

Year 4 – Tuesday afternoon

Year 3– Wednesday afternoon

Year 2 – Thursday afternoon

The sessions will be run in the following way:

- Children will be allocated a time slot on the correct afternoon for their class.
- They will be in groups of no more than 15
- They can arrive in non-uniform
- Children will arrive at the front entrance of school 5 minutes before start of session in the red queuing zone. (click on pick up and drop off guidance link to see red entrance at front of school)  
[https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve\\_file/669873](https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve_file/669873)
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for the children upon arrival and leaving to wash their hands.
- The session will be a circle time discussion with their class teacher.
- The sessions will be held outside on the grass in a marked areas with distance of 2 metres between each person.
- Children should ensure they have visited the toilet before coming to school as a toilet in school will only be available in an emergency.
- Children will be reminded of all school rules upon arrival to their circle time and social distancing measure will be discussed as part of this.
- The session will involve a discussion with class teacher and a chance to share **thoughts, feelings, experiences, worries** and talk about the **change to their new class** in September.

If you wish your child to attend a **session please copy and complete the slip at the bottom of this letter and return it to your class email** so your child's teacher can liaise with you and organise this. A time for the session will be allocated once you have returned the slip. At the end of this session, the children will be passed any belongings that they have in school to take home for the summer.

#### 4 Catch up Curriculum

Following on from previous letters to you all, I would like to reiterate a key message about a catch up curriculum.

*“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 on learning concepts that have been missed 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.”*

As we continue to work together in the autumn term I can assure you all that we will be keeping all parents informed of how our school will be doing this.

#### 4. Retirement

Next week Mrs Joyce is retiring after 28 years of work at Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary School. Mrs Joyce has been an instrumental part in every aspect of school life and the support she has given to our school community over the years has been incredible. In particular the care and consideration she has given to all the children and their families, as often the first point of contact when contacting school, has been invaluable. Her length of service is a significant achievement.

On behalf of everyone at Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary School I’d like to sincerely thank her for her unwavering dedication and wish her and her family the very best as they embark on this new exciting part of life’s journey.

In these challenging times it is not possible to bring everyone together to thank Mrs Joyce for her service to our school however we will be marking the occasion with her in an appropriate way.

Finally, I’d like to take this opportunity to wish you and all your families well at this time. I continue to be aware of the many challenges in life for everyone and on behalf of everyone in school I want to thank you for your continued support with every aspect of school life. I look forward to communicating with you all again next week

Mr D Kennedy  
**Headteacher**

## Pastoral and well-being support for children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5

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 sessions on the afternoon allocated for their class. Unfortunately, there is no capacity in school to work around these afternoons. A time slot will be allocated between 1pm - 3pm and given at the discretion of the class teacher. Once you have returned this to your child's class teacher, you will be sent an appointment card for the session.

### Pastoral and Well-being Session

I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer) wish to request a pastoral and well being session for my child \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) in Year \_\_\_\_\_ (year group).

I agree to the following arrangements:

- Children will be allocated a time slot on the correct afternoon for their class
- They will be in groups of no more than 10
- They can arrive in non-uniform
- Children will arrive at the front entrance of school 5 minutes before start of session in the red queuing zone. (see pick up and drop off guidance link)
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for the children upon arrival and leaving to wash their hands.
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