



Our school value this half term is: "Friendship"

'Encourage one another and build each other up'

Thessalonians 5.11

Mrs Jones Retirement

We are sad to announce that Mrs Jones will be retiring from her position of Playworker in the Breakfast and After School Club after the May half term holidays and her last day will be Friday 11th June.

Mrs Jones has worked in the Breakfast and After School Club for 13 years and has looked after and cared for many, many children over the years. She has always had a fabulous relationship and friendship with the staff and has always been so nurturing towards all of the children in her care. We wish her a very happy and restful retirement.

Important Update from Public Health

Please see the letter on pages 2 & 3 on this newsletter from Public Health Lancashire regarding Covid-19 in education.

Please remember to contact school to let us know any Covid-19 test results over the half term holiday at bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk

Reception Vision Screening

Nurses from Lancashire Vision Screening Service have given us the new date of **Thursday 10th June** to come and screen children in Reception. Please note that this service is **opt out** and therefore all children will be screened unless the form is returned to school. Information letters and the refusal form have come home previously. Please contact Miss Sefton in the office if you need a new letter or form.

Tower Wood & Camping Information Booklets

Information booklets have gone home this afternoon to children in Years 4, 5 & 6 regarding the forthcoming overnight visits. If you have any questions regarding these stays please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Y6 Tower Wood Payments

We are still accepting payments for the Year 6 Tower Wood residential holiday. Please ensure that your payment card accompanies all payments (cheques preferred, made payable to 'L.C.C'). Thank you.



Dates for your diary

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June—Half Term

Thursday 10th June—Y5 Kayaking and Sailing

Friday 11th June—Y5 Walking and Camping

Friday 18th June—Y4 Walking & Camping

Thursday 17th & Friday 18th June—Ormskirk School Taster Days for Y6

Wednesday 23rd June—St Bede's Taster Day for Y6

Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July—Y6 Tower Wood

Walk To The Moon

The children had a fantastic time this week completing their 'Walk to the Moon'. Well done to everyone who has completed their miles both in school and at home. Miles you have completed at home can be sent to walktothemoon@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk. We will let you know the total number of miles walked after half term.

We ask that any sponsorship or donation funds made through this project are sent to our Just Giving fundraising page which can be found by clicking the Just Giving logo below.

All funds raised ensure our sponsored children in Uganda have the education they deserve.

[Details of Uganda community project](#)

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Moorgate Nursery School 75th Celebrations

'We are looking to create a special memory board and if you attended Moorgate (or have been a staff member) we would love to add your name, and the year you attended Moorgate, onto the board at the front of Nursery, to celebrate the thousands who have attended over the years! If you would like us to add your details please email bursar@moorgate.lancs.sch.uk. If you have any photographs you would like to share from when you came to Moorgate please send them to us as we'd love to see how our Nursery used to look and make a special memory book to show the children. Please send by 11th June 2021.'

Lancashire Child & Family Wellbeing

Please see page 4 for details of the advice and support offered by this service and how to contact them.

Dear parents and guardians,

Update to parents on Covid-19 in Lancashire schools and colleges

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support in keeping our children and young people in our schools and communities safe and adhering to national and local Covid guidance.

As you may be aware, in recent weeks, there has been an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases and outbreaks reported in education settings. There has been media attention recently on variants of concern, and the Lancashire County Council area is no exception. Therefore, it is important to do as much as possible to continue to keep our children and families safe and minimise the disruption to education.

This includes various areas of prevention and early intervention, such as:

a) Vaccinations

It is vital that everybody who is eligible for a vaccine books an appointment without delay. A recent study from Public Health England has shown that two doses of either the Pfizer or AstraZeneca vaccine offer high levels of protection against symptomatic disease and remains the most effective weapon in our fight against Covid.

b) Whole school testing

In the event of an outbreak we may advise that every pupil and member of staff undertake PCR testing. The delivery of this will differ from school to school. The purpose of whole school testing is to control the spread of the virus to prevent further disruption to education.

If the PCR test result is positive, pupils and their households must self-isolate from the day their symptoms started (or the day they had the test if they do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. If you are informed you are a close contact of a person who has tested positive for Covid-19, you must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days. Close contacts should also take a PCR test and continue to isolate even if the result is negative.

c) Symptomatic testing

If you or your child or young person has one or more of the three classic Covid-19 symptoms – a high temperature; a new continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell – you or they must isolate immediately and book a PCR test via the NHS. If you or your child or young person do not have any of the three classic symptoms, proceed through the questions and then tick the box that says: "My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms."

If the PCR test result is positive, pupils and their households must self-isolate from the day their symptoms started (or the day they had the test if they do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. You can get a PCR test here: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker>

d) Close contacts testing

Around 1 in 5 people who have been in close contact with a person with Covid-19 will go on to have Covid-19 themselves, and around 1 in 3 of those will have no symptoms but can still spread the virus. Getting a test when you are a contact helps to find if you are one of those people and, if so, ensures they self-isolate. This is how we break the chains of transmission.

If you are informed you are a close contact of a person who has tested positive for Covid-19, you must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days. People who have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive with Covid-19 can now get a PCR test during their 10-day self-isolation period, whether or not they have symptoms. It is important to isolate for 10 days even if the PCR test is negative.

e) Wider symptomatic testing

If you or your child or young person has other new or unusual symptoms or if in doubt, you can still get a PCR test. However, you do not need to self-isolate for 10 days, unless you get a positive test result. If the PCR result is positive, everyone who lives in your household must self-isolate from the day your symptoms started and the next 10 full days. This is important as this will help prevent further spread into the community. If you require support during your isolation, contact your Local District Council who can provide advice on welfare and support available.

f) Routine asymptomatic testing

To continue to avoid disruption to education, it is important to undertake routine testing, which plays a pivotal role in allowing for normal life to resume and to detect asymptomatic cases. LFT kits are available for household testing. If you or your child or young person's LFT test result is positive, you and your close contacts will need to self-isolate immediately and book a confirmatory PCR test via the NHS as soon as possible.

g) Face coverings

Earlier this month, we advised all secondary school and college students and staff that they should continue to wear face coverings until 21 June, despite restrictions relaxing nationally. This recommendation came amid concerns about the spread across the region of the B.1.617.2 variant of concern first identified in India. Continuing to use face coverings in schools along with maintaining hand washing, social distancing, fresh air and regular testing will help to control the spread of Covid-19. The advice will be reviewed ahead of 21 June, the next milestone in the Government's roadmap.

I am extremely grateful for your support and patience during this difficult time. Thank you.

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Director of Public Health

Lancashire County Council

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