



Our school value this half term is: "Justice"

'Learn to do right.

Seek justice.'

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Notices

School Closure

Good afternoon,

Welcome to our first newsletter during the current school closure. I hope that we can continue to use our usual newsletters and message systems to keep everyone updated on school life.

Firstly, I'd like to wish you all well on behalf of everyone at Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary school. These are certainly unique times and I'm sure for all of us every day brings new situations and challenges; working together we can ensure we all have the support we need to work through this difficult period. I would like to thank every member of our school community for the support, understanding and kindness you continue to show at this time.

It is our intention as a school that we continue to support you in all in the ways that we can. Currently, we are:

- Ensuring children receive work packs at home each day from their class teacher.
- Open for those children of key workers providing that no safe childcare is available at home. During these arrangements, school continues to follow all government guidance for educational settings working with children.
- Available for contact and discussion regarding any concerns you may have. Please e-mail school at bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk and we will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as possible.

So as we move into our second week of school closure, I'd like to remind everyone that as a school we are more than just a building. At this time, we must find new and innovative ways of reaching out to support each other and offer the care and education for our children which will help in so many ways at this time.

Please take care of yourself and your families and continue to work in line with the Government guidance.

Mr D Kennedy
Headteacher

Home learning

Teachers are continuing to prepare work daily for your children and send this on to the designated email address that you have provided.

If you not receiving this please email:

bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk

Also if you have not yet received your child's Work from Home Book, please let us know.

We hope everyone understands this is very different to normal school when a teacher would work with your child so please don't worry if your child is not getting through all the tasks in one day.

As a guide, children should be spending no longer than normal lesson time on their tasks and not be worrying if they do not complete them all.

On page two of this newsletter we have put together some helpful websites which may be useful for supporting your child with their learning from home. There are many websites now offering ideas and support in addition to what we are providing to support the children with their home learning.

Parents Evening

Due to the school Closure, we are not sending out any information about your child at this time.

Free School Meals

If your child is receiving free school meals and you would like some continued support with this, please email:

bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk

Please note this *does not include* universal free school meals for children in EYFS and KS1. If you are unsure, please send school an email and we can contact you to discuss.

Concerns

Please do email in any concerns about issues to our school e.mail as this continues to be monitored daily.



Supporting home learning

Websites and ideas to help parents with home learning:

1. www.teachyourchildtoread.co.uk to help your child with reading.
2. Everyone knows that exercise improves physical health. But perhaps what is less known is the impact it can have on our mental health - this is especially true for children.
Joe wicks YouTube
3. www.jr.brainpop.com
Focused activities such as puzzles and building Lego constructions can help keep children occupied while arts and crafts help them stay creative.
4. Consider setting up playdates via Skype or Zoom can help while in self-isolation,
5. **The National Literacy Trust** also launched an online zone for parents looking for ideas and activities whilst their children are home due to school closures. It includes reading and writing activities, book lists, videos, competitions and reading challenges.
6. The BBC announced it would ramp up its educational programmes to help parents staying home with children.

Ten helpful websites resources for children :

1) **123 Homeschool for ME**

Free printable worksheets and educational activities to help making learning fun. Resources arranged by grade or subject.
Website: <https://bit.ly/2xcpnJc>

2) **2Simple**

Purple Mash is a website designed for children aged 3-11. It contains many creative tools ie: coding, animation, publishing, art and also applications for maths, spelling and grammar.
Website: <https://bit.ly/2U3BIZg>

3) **BBC Bitesize**

Bitesize is the BBC's free online study support resource for school-age students in the United Kingdom. It is designed to aid students in both schoolwork and, for older students, exams.
Website: <https://bbc.in/2UIDPqc>

4) **5-a-day**

Lots of exercise activities for movement breaks.
Website: <https://bit.ly/2Qv7yMs>

5) **ABDO**

ABDO's entire eBook collection is now available to students to access at home for free.
Website: <https://bit.ly/2wrid3H>

6) **ActivityVillage**

Activity Village provides thousands of colouring pages, crafts, puzzles, worksheets and more, for parents and teachers.
Website: <https://bit.ly/2J8tHf7>

7) **All Kids Network**

We offer FREE educational resources, worksheets, writing prompts, themed colouring pages, craft and snack ideas for parents, teachers and caregivers.
Website: <https://bit.ly/2U7ctVU>

8) **Artrageous with Nate**

Videos about artists and art projects to create.
Website: <https://bit.ly/2vBaobi>

9) **Bamboo Learning**

Bamboo Learning offers FREE voice-based applications (Alexa skills) that cover a range of academic subjects, including math, ELA/listening comprehension, and social studies.
Website: <https://bit.ly/33xffad>

10) **Black Box Education**

Digital and interactive resources for drama, dance and theatre.
Website: <https://bit.ly/3diSijt>
<https://www.teachwire.net/news/coronavirus-how-are-uk-schools-dealing-with-this-health-crisis#pri>
<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Top Tip:

Trying to mimic a classroom environment at home just isn't going to work, but setting out roughly what you plan to do each day will really help.

We are encouraging all our families to continue to keep in touch with each other and share ideas between yourselves.