



Our school value this half term is: "Perseverance"

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me'

Psalm 18.2

Notices

Queen's Jubilee 2022 and Holiday Dates 2022/2023

As part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we have an additional holiday day this academic year which will be on **Monday 6th June 2022**. This additional holiday means that school will now have the planned INSET day on Tuesday 7th June and children will return to school after half term on Wednesday 8th June 2022.

Term and holiday dates for the academic year 2022/2023 have also now been posted on our website.

Please click [here](#) to access the updated holiday dates.

Primary Admissions Deadline

The deadline for primary school admissions is **Saturday 15th January**. Even if your child has a sibling in school, you will still need to make your application online in order to secure a place in primary school. All applications should be made through Lancashire County Council <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Flu Vaccination catch up clinics

IntraHealth have organised catch up flu vaccination clinics outside of school hours for children. If your child hasn't been vaccinated yet and you would like to arrange to attend a catch up clinic, please send an email to lancschoolflu@intrahealth.co.uk

Children's Mental Health Week and Online Safety Day

Mental Health and well being continues to be an essential aspect of school for all children. Following on from our 'connecting with nature walk' last term we will be holding events and initiatives during children's Mental Health Week starting on **Monday 7th February**. The theme is 'Growing Together'.

Online safety is also a crucial aspect of our curriculum and children's wellbeing. **Tuesday 8th February** is Online Safety Day and we will be working with the children about how to stay safe online.

Forest School

All Year one children are reminded that Monday is their Forest School Day and they should attend school in appropriate clothing and footwear.

We continue to have some positive Covid-19 cases across school this week. We understand that you may find this concerning but please be assured that we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health.

After conversations over the last term with Public Health and our Health and Safety team I would like to reassure all of our parents that school has all necessary Covid-19 preventative measures in place including:

- More frequent cleaning
- Regular sanitising of children's hands through the day
- Good hygiene procedures
- Regular staff testing
- Co2 monitors in all classrooms which ensure school keeps low levels of Co2
- Good ventilation across school
- The bubbling of children where Covid-19 numbers are higher

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact school.

Before Christmas we reminded all families of our Covid-19 management plan. The plan details three ways of managing Covid-19 in school:

Plan A – School will continue to operate how we are operating now.

Plan B – We will introduce further measures which will depend on government guidance (this may just be bubbling or potentially staggered start times again).

Plan C – Remote learning.

This plan can be found on our website by clicking the link below.

https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/serve_file/4264533

Isolation and Testing

In line with Government guidance, **from January 11th, people testing asymptotically do not need to book a PCR test if they have a positive LFD result**. They can just start their isolation from the day of their positive LFD test.

People who are symptomatic should still book a PCR test.

From **Monday 17th January**, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, **if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.**

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.