



Dear parents and carers,

Last night the Prime Minister announced all schools are to close. This has once again been an incredibly difficult moment for us all after such a wonderful term in school leading up to Christmas. However, everyone's safety remains our number one priority which means now our school building will once again be closed to the majority of our children. Today it is crucial to inform you of two key issues regarding this latest school closure.

1. **Remote learning**

As you are aware we now have remote learning policies and procedures in place. To support this, everyone has been made aware of our zoom agreement. The key procedures and policies can be accessed by clicking the links below. Please adhere to the policies when accessing remote learning.

[Remote Learning Policy](#)

[Zoom Policy](#)

I can also confirm that following the work sent to children to continue learning today, each class teacher will now be sending a full timetable for tomorrow. In line with our policy:

Parents will be sent learning details for the following day using our designated learning platform which is class Dojo.

Teachers will also send a timetable and any Zoom details each evening together with relevant learning material.

The Zoom sessions will provide opportunities for teachers to give input and continue children's daily learning.

Children should complete their work in their allocated home-learning book.

Teachers will ask for some tasks to be returned to them using our designated learning platform (Class Dojo). This will allow feedback when necessary and learning to continue.

The **ClassDojo** learning platform will be monitored by staff between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

We will be monitoring all children in their learning carefully each day and evaluating procedures weekly. I ask all of our parents to understand that this as our school moves to our new remote learning system, this is an adjustment for everyone and we will continue to work with everyone to support all children to the best of our ability.

Critical Worker and vulnerable children Care

In line with Government guidance and our announcement last night, we will also continue to provide care for children identified as **vulnerable** or children of parents who are designated **critical to the battle against Covid 19**. These children will receive the same learning opportunities in school as provided by our remote learning systems.

We ask all parents to carefully consider if you are **critical workers and have no alternative care for your child**. We are working incredibly hard to ensure the safety of all **staff, children** and our **wider community** by working within the Government guidance of **staying at home** and **reducing transmission of the virus**.

Please click on the link to view Government guidance to support your decision in applying for a place.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you feel that your child falls into one of these categories and you have no alternative provision, you should complete the form below and send it in an email to school before 6:00pm today to the following address: bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk

Year Group:

Job title and position to ensure you are critical to covid-19 response:

Job sector - under Government guidance:

Employer details – name, contact number and position:

Days of care each week requested starting *Wednesday 6th January 2021*

Eg. Monday, Wednesday every week *or* every day *or* please outline a shift pattern

Lunch requirement (Yummy catering is still continuing to provide meals as per our menu. However, only our hot option will be available this week so if you had booked a sandwich please indicate if you wish to have a hot option as per the menu or send your child with a packed lunch)

This provision will continue to follow our reopening plan and children accessing this plan should continue to attend school at the same times and via the same entrance points allocated to their year group this year. The care will be provided in their classrooms. This keeps continuity and supports our ongoing risk assessments and procedures.

I continue to understand and empathise with everyone at this time, particularly the children. These truly are immensely challenging times and I am very aware that everyone continues to be greatly impacted by the national situation. Having said this, I would gratefully ask all families to consider their request for **Emergency Care** very carefully now. The Government was very clear in its instruction last night to remain at home when possible.

Finally, I want everyone to understand that managing this situation continues to provide many challenges for school and myself, as indeed it does in all aspects of society. The situation continues to be incredibly difficult and we are sincerely working hard to try and balance many different things with the needs of all of our children at the forefront of our thoughts.

Over the last year we have worked successfully together as a community to achieve remarkable things in the most challenging of times. I once again wish for nothing more than a time when I can once again welcome back all the children to school and my hope is that by working together this can be as soon as possible.

Please do email in any concerns and I will respond to you. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr D Kennedy

Headteacher