



Monday 8th February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

As we start a new week, I just wanted to keep everyone informed of two key issues to be aware of before half term.

February Half Term

As per the Government guidance, school will close as usual over the February half term (Monday 15th to Friday 19th). Please remember, if your child has been attending our critical worker provision you need to tell school if your child has Covid-19. If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours of attending school, or tests positive for Covid-19 having shown symptoms within 48 hours of the end of school, you should report this to school immediately by emailing bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk.

Remote Learning & Critical Worker Provision Monday 22nd February to Friday 5th March

On Wednesday 27th January, the Prime Minister announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half term and is reviewing ***the potential for the reopening of schools from Monday 8th March***. We will be working within Government advice regarding the full reopening of schools and will keep you fully informed once the Government has reviewed this. At the time of writing ***we do not know when schools will fully reopen***.

School will therefore remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers after February half term and all other children will continue with remote learning as they are now. If your child has been attending our critical worker provision in school since January, please send an email to bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk to confirm which days your child will be required to attend school during this two-week period. Yummy Catering will continue to provide hot dinners to children attending school. A menu for the two weeks following half term is now available by clicking on the link [here](#).

We are only planning for the first two weeks of next half term as we await further government guidance on schools from 8th March.

It is important to continue to stress, the more children we have in school impacts on our capacity to provide remote learning, as staff are now running two different systems for teaching and learning. All children at home are receiving the same learning as the children in school.

I would like to remind everyone that in the Government's guidance for this provision they do state, **"Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can."** The staff and I remain grateful for the support of all our families who are working hard to support school by keeping children at home whenever possible. I am continuing to ask all families, as we prepare for next half term, that you continue to review your situation carefully. I wish to once again request that our families keep children at home if possible, even if you may be entitled to this provision.

Finally, we are aware that children may be coming to the end of the exercise books provided by school for remote education. We ask that if possible parents are able to provide some paper or exercise books themselves. If this is not possible or you have any issues with this matter, please do not hesitate to contact school so we can support you with this.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher