



# Ashton Community Science College

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Dear parents/carers

After a strange and turbulent week, I am now in a position to bring you some clarity regarding the school closure and plans that have been put in place for our students.

The latest government guidance can be found here:

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

This guidance clearly states that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

It has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

If you notified us that you are a front line worker or have a vulnerable child who needs to be in school, you have been contacted directly. Your child should report to main school reception on Monday morning (or the first morning that you cannot provide care for them, as discussed with us). They should present in full school uniform and should bring their PE kit with them and their equipment pack. Lunch will be provided. The school day will run as normal from 8.40am – 3.00pm. Please ensure your child arrives punctually and no earlier than 8.30am.

If we have not been in contact with you, please do not send your child into school.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, Lancashire County Council have made provision for school closure food parcels for each child. These parcels will consist of a one academic week allowance which provides:

- Breakfast cereal and milk
- Lunchtime meal choices consisting of ambient and tinned ingredients
- Pre-packaged ambient dessert offering
- Fruit
- Afternoon snack



Parcels will be available for collection each Monday between 11.30am and 2pm from the school kitchen, which is accessed via a red door located next to the loading bay in the car park. Please do not enter the main building.

In consideration of current government advice, parents who are self-isolating are able to take exercise providing that they remain 2m apart from other members of the public and do not engage in conversations. It is considered practical for self-isolating parents to collect emergency school closure food parcels from schools providing that the above guidance is followed.

In the event that government change current guidance there may be a requirement to consider alternatives and this will be reviewed daily.

We have set work for students on Show My Homework and previous letters have signposted you to various websites for additional resources. There are packs of work which can be collected from reception each Monday morning between 10am and 1pm for students who do not have access to the internet. They will be in the main foyer area. Students should collect their pack, which will be clearly labelled, from the table

These are challenging times for our children and parents, as we have said many times this week and I am sure we will see many creative approaches to learning and new skills being developed over the forthcoming weeks and maybe months.

Previous letters have also signposted you to the school website, which hopefully contains information you will find helpful as you start this journey of home learning.

On behalf of the staff and governors of the school, I would like to thank you for your support and your patience whilst we have tried to make sense of a most unique situation. I will keep in touch with regular updates via Insight and the school Facebook page and we can still be contacted via email, via the contact us link on the school website.

Please look after yourselves and we look forward to seeing you again in the near future, when all of this has passed.

Kind regards



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Headteacher