

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful and safe Easter Holiday during which our unprecedented times have continued. Today is the first day of our Summer Term 5. I want you to know that although we cannot be together just yet I am thinking of you all and understand how difficult these times are for everyone.

Virtual Learning

You will have seen this morning that the teachers have updated our Virtual Learning Environment with detailed daily lessons and activities linked to their daily timetables. I would like to thank everyone who has sent emails of thanks to our teachers for their continued commitment to our children. I understand that it is difficult to home school especially if you have more than one child or you are trying to work from home yourself. As I shared in previous communication; we know you are trying your best and please do not worry if you do not get through everything on the VLE.

The DfE have created a list of online educational resources to help support learning at home and this morning they have launched enhanced education provision from the BBC to include daily lessons and programmes. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

As previously communicated, we have online parent platform for our Relationship Education resource, Life To The Full; so that you, as parent and carers, can engage with the teaching and deepen the experience for your child. To access the online parent platform please visit:

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

School Username: st-augustine-me8

Password: canterbury-8

Voucher scheme

The Free School Meal Voucher scheme should be underway; I hope that all those parents who are eligible for free school meals have access to their £15 per week voucher which can be redeemed at most supermarkets. Please inform us through the office email office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk if you have not received it.

Safeguarding and Online Safety

Our Addendum Safeguarding Policy containing details of our school safeguarding arrangements and is available on our website in addition to our existing Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy and Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE 2019).

Online Safety is as important as ever; please look at our Online Safety resources on our website; there is still plenty of time to complete the National Online Safety free course which is also available through our website.

New Intake

Parents and Carers of children who have chosen St Augustine of Canterbury as their first choice of school for their child to join Reception this September 2020 should have received their offer letter from Medway Council. We ask all parents to accept the offer and return the form to the school at office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk

Please do visit our website for additional support and guidance for learning, Safeguarding and well-being.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, our staff and all Key Workers who are working so hard to keep us all safe.