



St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well and have enjoyed the summer. On behalf of all St Augustine of Canterbury staff, I would like to say how excited we are about the children returning on Monday.

As you know, the details of our return were in the letter sent out on the 17th July (available on our website). However, I thought it may be helpful to have a short reminder of some of the new systems which will be in place.

I know the last few months has been challenging for all of our children, families and staff and I am sure that the children are looking forward to seeing their friends and teachers but understandably may be feeling nervous or worried about Monday. Our first day back will focus on the children getting to know their class teacher and going through the new systems and any changes to their routines which may be different since some of the children were last in school. The children's well-being and education is paramount; taking the time to support the children back is crucial and I would like to thank the teachers for the time they have spent to prepare for the children's return.

Classrooms and PE

On Monday, the children will become familiar with their new classroom; including the forward-facing layout and resources. Where space has allowed; we have put the children's pegs within their classrooms or in separate designated areas in the Junior or Infant areas. Please only send in necessary equipment in a sensible size school bag to avoid too much clutter in the classroom or junior/infant areas. The children in the Infants should have the small St Augustine of Canterbury book bag; this can be hung on their peg with minimum bulk to the area. No children will need to bring in their PE kit for the foreseeable future as the children will wear their PE kits on the days they have PE. It is important that their kit is in line with our uniform: white t-shirt, navy shorts, navy plain jogging bottoms, navy plain sweatshirt/hoodie and trainers (please ensure your child can tie their own laces) or plimsols. PE days are not non-uniform days; please do not send your child into school wearing football kits or other fashion items of clothing; thank you for your support to keep uniform consistent for all children.

PE days

Reception	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday



Lunches

It is important that if you are preparing a home packed lunch for your child, you ensure that you include food that they can **open without assistance**. Some packets, drinks and yoghurt designs are difficult for young children to open independently; please do not include these if you know that your child is unable to open them unaided as our Mid -Day Meal supervisors will need to maintain a distance from the children. Please remember, children who bring in their own lunch from home may bring in a **labelled** lunch bag; please ensure that this is a sensible size. Please be aware that once we reintroduce hot meals; the children will need to be able to cut their own food up to support social distancing in the hall during lunch.

Staggered start and finish procedures reminder

- Families must use the main school gate for site access (the alleyway gate will not be opened). Parents must follow the one-way system through the staff car park to drop off and collect your child(ren) on the playground.
- Families must remain 2m away from other families during drop off and collection of children;
- Only one adult per child is permitted on the school grounds for drop off and collection. We advise that only 1 parent/carer drop off and collect; to avoid waiting at the school gate. Parents **must not** gather at entrance gates or playground. If you have younger siblings with you during drop off or collection you must keep them with you and not allow them to run around the playground or go on the equipment.
- Upon arrival, under the direction of a member of staff, your child will line up on their Year group line on the playground and be led in to their class bubble (where possible the classroom external doors will be used to enter and exit the school). We ask that you leave the playground promptly; continuing to adhere to social distancing.

Staggered arrival			
8:45am	8:55am	9:05am	9:15am
KS1 only siblings and KS1	Siblings in KS1 and KS2	KS2 only siblings	KS2
Staggered release			
3:10pm	3:20pm	3:30pm	3:40pm
KS1 only siblings and KS1	Siblings in KS1 and KS2	KS2 only siblings	KS2

- At the end of the day, the children will line up on their year group line on the playground; upon direction of a member of staff they will walk to you when you reach the front of the 'queue'. We ask that you leave the playground promptly; continuing to adhere to social distancing.
- There is no storage for scooters and/or bicycles at the moment.
- Everyone must wash their hands (soap/water or hand sanitiser) on entry to the school. We have developed routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use hand sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.

Communication

Although we are still unable to welcome Parents and Carers into the school building without a previously arranged appointment; we want to ensure that you understand that communication is as important as ever. As previously shared, please email office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk for general



enquiries or enquiries for my attention. As was arranged during partial school closure; parents and carers may continue to communicate with your child's teacher using the email addresses below:

Class	Teacher	Email address
Reception	Mrs Burns	yearR@staugustine.medway.sch.uk
Year 1	Mrs Tinsley	Year1@staugustine.medway.sch.uk
Year 2	Mrs Bowden and Mrs Campion	Year2@staugustine.medway.sch.uk
Year 3	Mrs Woodward	Year3_@staugustine.medway.sch.uk Please note the underscore
Year 4	Mrs Grant	Year4@staugustine.medway.sch.uk
Year 5	Miss Richardson	Year5@staugustine.medway.sch.uk
Year 6	Miss Wood	year6@staugustine.medway.sch.uk

If you have updated or changed your contact details since school closure in March, please do provide updated information to the office.

Importantly, if your child's school medication has expired please ensure that we have replacements; please email office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk to arrange dropping it at reception.

It is important to understand that there may be members of staff, children and parents who feel anxious, nervous or worried about returning to school on Monday. I therefore ask that everyone takes care of one another; as we do so well at St Augustine of Canterbury. We will follow the Government Guidance and adhere to Public Health advice and follow the Systems of Control: Protective measures whilst remembering to be respectful and kind to each other as a school community.

Finally, I would like to say that I am very much looking forward to seeing all of the children's smiling faces on Monday and welcoming all of our families back to our wonderful school.

I hope you have a restful weekend and I am delighted to say: See you Monday!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Prestidge
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

