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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week; we have experienced some very sunny days and our children in school have benefited from some shaded areas within our field and playground. We sent a poster home via Parentmail yesterday to support all of our families to cope in the heat during COVID-19.

Our position on the partial reopening of our school remains unchanged as our number of Key Workers has risen again this week and we are rapidly reaching capacity. Please do continue to access the learning on the VLE and our website; I am very grateful to our teachers and all staff who are working hard to maintain an excellent VLE whilst teaching in school and maintaining protective measures. Thank you to all of our families who are continuing to support your children's learning at home; I understand this may be challenging for some families particularly if you are also working from home. During this time, it is important that you support and take care of your family's mental health - there are lots of things you can do, and additional support is available if you need it. Please see our website and parentmails for further support on well-being or get in touch with us through the office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk email or contact Mrs Liggins (SENCO) directly on senco@staugustine.medway.sch.uk.

We continue to implement important protective measures within the school procedures, routines and building. We are awaiting further guidance from the Government as to what September will look like; when we know more we will inform you. We do not receive government Guidance in advance of the rest of the country.

When the children do return; they will be assessed and areas will be identified to support them; this is in line with our usual assessment procedure to inform the teacher's planning and set children's targets.

Today, Miss Richardson has sent home a letter via Parentmail regarding our Virtual Sports day next week; it contains all relevant details. Of course, we are all disappointed to miss events which we would normally be holding this time of year and I hope the children enjoy their day and I look forward to seeing any photos you may wish to send in.

On the 10th July you will receive your child's end of year report via Parentmail. The reports will look slightly different this year; this is in line with Government guidance. We have been advised to take a proportionate approach in deciding what information to include within the children's reports. In many cases, it will not be possible for reports to cover the period of partial school closures. However, we will provide additional information where, for example, children continued to attend school as a Critical Key worker/Vulnerable child or teachers have reviewed work completed at home which has been returned through the class email.

We always seek the children's views of their learning; therefore, if your child is learning from home; you will receive a self-review form through the VLE on Monday. Please return this to your child's teacher via the **class email** by Friday 3rd July.

I hope you have a restful weekend and stay safe in the sun.

Yours sincerely
Mrs L Prestidge
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

