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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have been focusing on the importance of expressing themselves and finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, ideas and creativity through our participation in Children's Mental Health Week. We have one week of Remote Learning and in school provision for children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable children left before the half term break. If your child is in school, you will need to ensure that we are informed of a positive case of COVID-19 (as was the case during the Christmas holidays).

DfE states: *Where pupils or staff still attending their school test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, schools are not required to take any action. Staff, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils or staff still attending their school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.*

Therefore, as is the current expectation, parents and carers should use the school email: office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk to inform us immediately of any positive results.

Information to be included in the email:

- Child's full name
- Year group
- Date and time symptoms started and which symptoms they are showing
- Date of test
- Date your child was last in school
- Parent/Carer contact phone number in case we need further information. Please note as the school will be closed, you will not be contacted from the usual school phone number, the phone will likely display 'no caller id' to ensure staff's personal information remains confidential.

To report a positive case of COVID-19 during the February Half Term, email the office at office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk between 9am and 4pm. We will then contact the DfE and advise close contacts within school to self-isolate if necessary.

Safer Internet Day

On **Tuesday, 9 February 2021**, we will celebrate **Safer Internet Day** with activities planned across our Remote Learning. The theme once again is '**Together for a better internet**', the day calls upon the school community to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, and especially for our children.



Online Safety

We are proud to hold National Online Safety Accreditation to support our children, staff and parents and carers to keep our children safe online. As part of our accreditation, parents and carers have access to the NOS website and e-learning courses aimed at supporting parents and carers. Parents and Carers can sign up to our National Online Safety account by using the self-sign up link for our school: <http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-augustine-of-canterbury-catholic-primary-school>

Once you have signed up, you will have access to all of the parent/carer related courses and resources on the hub. Please read the separate letter sent through Parentmail which includes more information.

Book of Excellence

We are so proud of all of the children for their efforts and enthusiasm within their Remote Learning (at home and in school). Thank you to all of the Parents and Carers who are supporting your children with their learning at home; we know it is not easy especially when you are working from home or have very young children. We have devised a new presentation to celebrate the children who have been chosen for the Book of Excellence this week. The presentation contains an end of week prayer and the names of children celebrating their birthday.

Well done all of you!	
Year R	Alex and Sophia
Year 1	Gabriel and Emmerly
Year 2	Faith and Joseph
Year 3	Christopher and Phoebe
Year 4	Madison and Mia
Year 5	Jessica and Alicia
Year 6	Diego and Charlotte

Wednesday Word

Please have a look on our website for the latest edition of The Wednesday Word (within the Catholic Ethos pencil). It contains the Gospel for this Sunday and prayers you may like to share together as a family.

As yet we do not have any further information regarding the re-opening of schools for all children. We are currently planning from the Prime Minister's statement and the possibility that the children may be returning on the 8th March; when we have further information, we will inform you.

I hope you all have a restful and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Prestidge
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

