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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an eventful week with severe weather conditions and school closure. Thank you to all of the staff, children and families for your commitment to Remote Learning, we have been impressed with the level of engagement and work sent in for marking and feedback.

COVID-19

If your child is attending school within the eligible groups, you will need to ensure that we are informed of a positive case of COVID-19 as soon as possible.

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 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 to self-isolate if necessary.

Critical Workers

Schools remain open to vulnerable children and children of critical workers. However, it is important to consider if it is essential that your child/children to attend school as the guidance also states: Parents and Carers who are Critical Workers should keep their children at home if they can.

Therefore, where as a family you can keep your child/ren at home you **should do so** (i.e. partner on furlough, one parent does not work, shift patterns, part time hours, annual leave etc): where it is impossible for that to happen, a place in critical worker provision will be available on those days for which it is a necessity.



It is important to work together for the safety of our children and staff in school and our wider community; if you do not need a school space for your child every day or at all, as there is a parent at home to supervise, please do not send your child into school as to limit the risk to themselves, other children and staff of contracting COVID-19.

In line with National Lockdown: Stay at Home Guidance; everyone should be observing the National Lockdown restrictions. If your child is in school as a vulnerable child or child of a Critical Worker, it is paramount for the safety of the children and staff in school that you follow the rules outside of school to keep your child, other children and staff safe. Everyone must follow the guidance. It is the law.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Safer Internet Day

On **Tuesday, 9 February 2021**, the children took part in activities and assemblies focused on Safer Internet Day. As you know from my letter last week, we are a National Online Safety Accredited School; part of our accreditation includes parents and carers 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/carers related courses and resources on the hub.

Book of Excellence

We are so proud of our wonderful children!

The following children are in the Book of Excellence this week. Their names also appear within the Friday Celebration Assembly presentation along with the names of children who have celebrated a birthday this week (including half term).

Well done all of you!	
Year R	Nathaniel and Leo
Year 1	Amelia and Sawyer
Year 2	Francesca and Charlie
Year 3	Harris and Max.W
Year 4	Daniel and Mason
Year 5	Imogen and Gracie
Year 6	Kirsty and Leon

I would like to end the term by thanking all of our staff, children and Parents and Carers for your support and kindness over the last term. I am very much looking forward to when we can be back together again as a whole school. I hope you have a restful, safe and enjoyable half term. Term 4 and Remote Learning will resume on Monday 22nd February.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Prestidge

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

