



St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope that you had a happy and peaceful Christmas.

As you know, I wrote to you on New Year's Eve following the Governments direction on 30th December to follow the Contingency Framework; which means that for the period outlined by the Government, our school will only be open for attendance for children of Critical Workers and children who define as Vulnerable from tomorrow 5th January. We will let you know if this changes but at the moment we understand that there will be a review for the 18th January. To confirm, following the information within the ParentMail form sent last week; if you are classed as a critical worker and have requested a place for your child(ren) then this has been allocated.

To clarify, the children attending school from tomorrow will be in their existing class bubble within their classroom as they were before Christmas.

Amended staggered times for children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable children during the Contingency period.

Staggered arrival	
8:45am	8:55am
KS1 and KS1 siblings	KS1/KS2 siblings and KS2
Staggered release	
3:10pm	3:20pm
KS1 and KS1 siblings	KS1/KS2 siblings and KS2

- Parents must follow the one-way system through the staff car park to drop off and collect their child(ren) from the playground;
- Families must remain 2m away from other families during drop off and collection of children;
- Only one adult per household 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 the entrance gates or on the 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 enter their Year group external door directly when being dropped off. We ask that you leave the playground promptly; continuing to adhere to social distancing.



Lunches

The children in school may bring in a packed lunch from home or order a school meal as normal from Chartwells. Children in school who qualify for FSM will receive a school meal. If your child is not in school and qualifies for benefits related Free School Meals; a hamper will be arranged for your collection.

Uniform

The children in school will continue to wear their school uniform and PE Kit on their PE days.

Remote learning

For children who are learning remotely, the VLE will contain the learning for each day on a detailed weekly overview submitted by the teacher. The VLE will contain times of two live lessons which will be scheduled everyday via Microsoft Teams, these have been scheduled to take into account siblings in different classes as far as possible. Your child's details for logging into Microsoft Teams can be found in the front of their contact book/school diary.

The live lessons will prioritise English and Maths learning. At the beginning of the scheduled live lesson the teacher will take a register of the children who are in attendance remotely. Please read the previously communicated Remote Learning policy and ensure that you have read our Agreement User Policy sent to all parents and carers to submit for your partnership commitment to Remote Learning. If you are unable to access the internet or do not have a device then please get in touch, we may be able to help. If you would like to collect a notebook for your child to record their learning; please email the office and class email to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to collect one.

Please ensure that you are submitting your child's learning to the teacher via the class email addresses for them to feedback and assess their progress.

Following government guidance, some members of staff will not be in school and may be working from home. If this is the case, the children in school will be taught by another member of staff under the direction of the class teacher.

To confirm, remote learning at home and "face-to-face" learning in school will be following the same curriculum planning and learning objectives set by the teacher.

Class emails reminder

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 Liggins	Year2@staugustine.medway.sch.uk
Year 3	Mrs Woodward	Year_3@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 Bancroft	year6@staugustine.medway.sch.uk

Children or adults who display symptoms- reminder

Children or adults who display coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, **must not attend school.**

Parents must inform the school immediately if your child is not in school due to COVID-19 symptoms.

If your child presents with symptoms whilst in school they must be collected **immediately** (please ensure we have up to date contact details). When a child is waiting for collection they will be in a separate room from the other children and staff. When you collect your child you will be asked to wait at the green security gate and not enter the school - your child will walk out to you upon your arrival. Ensure you organise a test for your child and notify us

immediately of a positive or negative test. *When a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate*

Breakfast club

As communicated before Christmas, when we are able to re-open the Breakfast Club for children of Critical Key Workers and vulnerable children we will inform you.

I would like to thank all of the staff and families for your support and commitment during these continuing challenging times. We continue to 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Prestidge
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

