

# St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

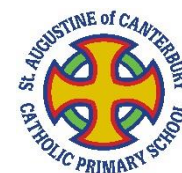
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*“Created by God to love and learn”*

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re-opening update.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all the children next week. I am writing with further details of our re-opening on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### Entry and exit:

Following the success of our ‘trickle entry’, we will continue to operate this system. **Please bring your child into school between 8:40am and 9am.** If there is a queue, please wait on the 2m circles. Siblings can come in together, as before. Unless you have been asked to, please do not bring your child into school before 8:40am. This is before our main school day starts and teachers may not be in their classrooms until this time.

Now that we are back to a full opening, we have extended our finish times for all classes. If you have children in two different classes, we ask that you return to collect the later one rather than congregating by the side gate. This will enable us to retain social distancing and reduce the mixing of bubbles.

Here are the revised timings:

Bubble/Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2/3	Year 3/4	Year 4/5	Year 5/6
Time of entry	Trickle entry – children to come between 8:40m and 9am <i>(no earlier than 8:40am)</i>					
Entry/exit	Side gate	Side gate	Side gate, children walk around to rear door	Side gate, children walk round to HUB door	Main gate, along car park and into classroom door	Main gate, along car park and into classroom door
Time of leaving	3.10pm	3.15pm	3:20pm	3.25pm	3:25pm	3:30pm

We will of course review all of the above arrangements to see whether they work, are convenient for all and keep everyone safe.

### PE

As before, please send your child into school wearing PE kit on their PE days. These are listed on the website: [St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School - PE days \(staugustinedownend.org.uk\)](http://www.staugustinedownend.org.uk)



### **COVID measures**

We are still in a national lockdown and are therefore stringently following local and national guidance regarding our systems, procedures and risk assessments. We have retained our staggered breaks and lunches, strict bubbles and greatly enhanced cleaning, together with hand washing on arrival, before a snack, after play, before eating lunch and after lunch at least.

You must keep your child(ren) off school if they are symptomatic. If a child in school has one or more of the recognised COVID symptoms, we will inform you and they will need to get tested. You can book a free coronavirus (COVID-19) test through the online booking portal. Staff are completing their lateral flow tests twice a week and will self-isolate if positive, but will be tested again at one of the testing centres. At the time of writing, only a very small number of our staff have been vaccinated.

### **Lunch:**

We will continue to offer the children a hot lunch on Wednesdays in our dining hall. We hope to offer a second hot meal during the week soon, although this may be in take away containers initially. This is because we have a reduced number of lunchtime supervisors due to COVID-related illness and shielding. Please ensure you enter your child's meal selection, even if it is a Home Packed Lunch on ParentPay, which can be done up to 3 weeks in advance.

### **Wrap around care:**

Thank you for your replies to our breakfast and after-school club provision. I was delighted to read that many of you wish to resume using our wrap around care. We will be resuming this Monday 8th March. Due to the current circumstances, invoices will be issued weekly on a Monday via Edu spot with payment due by the following Sunday.

### **Preparing your child for school:**

Schools have been closed for 8 weeks so it will be helpful to prepare your child to return on the 8th March. For many working from home, morning routines may be different. Re-establishing the early morning and bedtime habits will help your child with the stamina required for a whole day back in school. There are several websites offering further tips for preparing your child for the school return. Many children will be excited about returning to the classroom and their friends, but for some you may need to provide some reassurance. Please do talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

### **Loan laptops:**

If you were provided with a school laptop, please return this to the school office on Monday 8th March. These are school property and will be required by the children. Thank you.

Finally, thank you for all that you have done to support your children during this time. We are really looking forward to seeing all the children's smiling faces and greeting you all again.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Mark Hilliam, Headteacher

