



# St Augustine's Academy Newsletter

## 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to school after the half term break. We hope you all managed to have an enjoyable family time at home.

As you are all aware, we have now entered another national lockdown, however this time, schools are remaining open.

If your child needs to self-isolate because another child or adult in their school 'Bubble' has a positive coronavirus test, then we will inform you as quickly as we can. More detailed Coronavirus guidance from both Central Bedfordshire and our school is included within this newsletter.

The school continues to have good provision for remote learning. Staff have received training in the use of Google Classroom, should a 'Bubble' have to isolate, and we continue to prepare carefully considered paper-based resources should these also be needed.

During these difficult times, the school continues to be here for you if you need advice or support. Even if we don't have the answers, we can often point you in the direction of someone who can help you.

As far as we can, we aim to make each day at school as normal as possible for the children. Children are enjoying school. They are enjoying being with their friends, and enjoying their Outdoor lessons which are giving them extra opportunities to be outside in the fresh air.

We hope you find the information in our newsletter helpful.

**Best wishes** **Amanda Howes - Headteacher**

### Children in Need

We are supporting BBC Children in Need again this year!

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November come to school in your brightest, spottiest clothes to take part.



Any donations are welcome.  
Thank you!

### Mask Wearing



We would like to say a big, "Thank you," to all the adults who have worn masks before and after school to help keep our community safe from Coronavirus.

Please continue to keep on wearing masks to protect those around you and to protect yourself too. Remember the social distancing rules and arrive at school promptly for your designated drop-off and collection times. Avoid being early as this is when there is the potential for large numbers of adults congregating unnecessarily. It is also really important that children stay close to their adults at all times.

Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.



### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

St Augustine's Academy, is once again supporting the British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Poppies are now available for those wishing to donate.



Merchandise is also on sale. Zip pulls and reflectors are 50p, wristbands are £1.00 and snap bands are £1.50. No change will be given. Please give generously. Thank you.

**'Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'** *Matthew 5:16*

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## Celebrations

### CONGRATULATIONS to the following children.

Our Stars of the Week are...

Year 1 – Mason  
Year 2 – Brian  
Year 3 – Maliscia Mai  
Year 4 – Mason  
Year 5 – Yasmin  
Year 6 – Bhiraveena

Our 'SELF' Pupils of the Week for,  
"When I look in the mirror, what do I see?"  
are...

Year 1 – Harmannat  
Year 2 – Alexander  
Year 3 – Lilly  
Year 4 – Bobby Lee  
Year 5 – Billy  
Year 6 – Rose



Our Readers of the Week are...

Year 1 – Samantha  
Year 2 – Megan  
Year 3 – Betty  
Year 4 – Jason  
Year 5 – Leon  
Year 6 – Kayla

Our Attendance Bear Winner this week is...



The House Point totals this week are...



## Value of the Half Term - Trust



**TRUST**

'My God is my strength in whom I trust.'

Psalms 18:2

## Prefix of the Week



# Re



**Re** is from Latin and means 'again' or 'back'.

You find '**Re**' as a prefix in many English words.

<b>Regenerate</b> – to grow after loss or damage	<b>Redo</b> - to do (something) again or differently
<b>Refresh</b> - to give new strength or energy	<b>Return</b> - to come or go back to a place or person
<b>Reappear</b> – to appear again	<b>Redecorate</b> - to apply paint or wallpaper in (a room or building) again

## Diary Dates

Wed. 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Remembrance Day
Fri. 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Children in Need – Mufti Day
WB 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Anti-bullying Week  Road Safety Week

Sometimes we have to change diary dates due to circumstances beyond our control. Please keep checking the school diary regularly for updates.

## Coronavirus information for Parents/Carers in Central Bedfordshire (18.09.20)

For general advice about COVID-19 and the symptoms to look for go to: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

Young person or someone in your household, develops **symptoms of COVID-19**:  
new continuous cough (coughing frequently for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If the young person is at home, **do not send them to their education setting**. Inform the setting through absence reporting.

If the young person develops symptoms at their education setting, they will be separated from others and **sent home**.

If the young person, or anyone in your household has symptoms they must isolate at home for **10 days (from date of onset of symptoms)**. If the young person does not have symptoms but someone in the household does, the young person, and all other household members without symptoms must isolate at home for **14 days**.

Book a test as soon as possible for anyone in your household with symptoms. This can be done online at: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).  
Alternatively a test can be ordered by phone on **NHS 119** for those without the internet.

Your closest test location will be offered when you book, and both drive-in and walk-in tests are available. You may need to visit the website regularly for more slots to be released. If you are not able to walk or drive to the test centre, and no-one you live with can take you, you can request a home test kit.  
**Do not take a taxi, use public transport or ask anyone outside your household to take you.**

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message).  
**It is important you inform the setting of the test result as soon as possible.**

**Negative**

Young person/staff member can return to setting once well.

If the young person is identified as having been **in close contact with a confirmed case**, they will be asked to **self-isolate for 14 days**. The rest of the household does not need to isolate unless the young person/close contact develops symptoms.  
**ONLY GO FOR A TEST IF SYMPTOMATIC.**

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

**Positive**

Inform setting of positive test result as soon as possible.

Ensure positive case completes remainder of **10 day isolation period (from date of onset of symptoms)**. **Household members without symptoms should complete 14 day isolation even if they have received a negative test result.**

NHS test and trace service will send you a text, email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited.

If a young person is a **confirmed case** they can return to school after **10 days**. However if they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait a further **48 hours** after these symptoms stop. If a household member is a confirmed case, but the young person does not develop symptoms, they can return to the setting only after completing the **14 days household isolation period**.

## Coronavirus update

### **Domestic abuse: support is available if you're feeling uneasy about second lockdown**

Earlier this year Refuge, the sole provider of the National Domestic Abuse Helpline, reported the demand for its Helpline and the number of visits to its National Domestic Abuse Helpline website spiked significantly during lockdown.

As we head into a second lockdown, with restrictions in place until 2 December and instructions to minimise our time spent outside the home, we'd like to remind you of support that's available to help keep you safe.

#### **Do you need support?**

You are not alone. If you or someone you know is affected by domestic abuse, call the National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247. Or, use the live chat option on their [website](#).

Visit the [Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Partnership](#) website for more information about local and national support for all affected by domestic abuse, including men, children and young people, older people and people from the LGBT+ community.

In an emergency, always dial 999.

#### **Are you worried about someone else?**

If you're worried about a family member, a loved one, a friend, a neighbour or a work colleague, you can report concerns about domestic abuse anonymously.

If you suspect domestic abuse and don't want to reveal your identity, talk to CrimeStoppers by calling 0800 555 111. Or visit the CrimeStoppers [domestic abuse webpage](#) where you can anonymously complete an online form.

#### **Are you worried about your own behaviour?**

In May 2020, the Respect Phoneline, a confidential helpline for perpetrators of domestic abuse, received 70 per cent more calls and 64 per cent more emails from people who wanted to discuss their behaviour towards their partner and family.

Are you concerned about your own behaviour? Call the Respect phoneline on 0808 802 4040 and talk to an advisor. It's a free call and you won't be judged or shamed. To find out more, you can also visit the [Respect Phoneline](#) website.

[COVID-19 health advice](#)

[https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/26/public\\_health/737/coronavirus\\_-\\_covid-19](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/26/public_health/737/coronavirus_-_covid-19)



# School Guidelines

## Expectations for Pupils, Parents and Carers



Our country continues to face Coronavirus restrictions, it is important that we all follow Government guidelines, our Risk Register controls and our own 'St Augustine's Way' to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. The list of expectations below must be followed by all pupils, parents and carers to help our school stay a safe environment for all.

### Pupils Expectations:

- *Live the St Augustine's Way by following our Golden Rules 'Show Respect, Be Kind and Try Our Best' and remembering our values.*
- *Keep yourself and others safe by:*
  - *Listening carefully to school staff and following their instructions*
  - *Waiting patiently – everything will take longer than usual*
  - *Entering the school building separately and patiently at start time*
  - *Social Distancing e.g. Play games that do not involve touching others*  
*Keep 2 metres apart from adults, and from children not in your bubble*  
*Follow the school's one-way system*  
*Stay in your designated areas for play and lunch times*
  - *Washing your hands when you enter the school and at regular times during the day*
  - *Leaving all PE kit and toys at home and only bringing essential equipment to school*
  - *Avoid sharing or touching other people's personal things e.g. water bottles*
  - *Avoiding touching your mouth, nose, and eyes*
  - *Remembering to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'*
  - *Avoiding putting things in your mouth e.g. pencil*
  - *If you wear a face covering or mask to school, you must take it off before you enter the school building and give it to your parent or carer to throw away or take home.*
- *Wear your school uniform; wear your PE kit to school on PE days*



**Remember** – *If you are unsafe, consequences will be given, and your parents/carers informed. This includes actions such as: deliberately coughing or spitting, touching others, playing unsafe games, and not following social distancing rules.*

### Parents and Carers Expectations:

- *DO NOT bring your child/ren to school if they (or anyone in your household) have Coronavirus symptoms but follow the Government guidance here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>*
- *Collect your child immediately if you are called regarding illness*
- *Support the school in getting a test and engaging with Track and Trace if Covid-19 symptoms are detected in school*
- *ONLY 1 Parent/Carer may enter the school site (past the silver gates), to bring their child to school*
- *Ensure that your child has good attendance and is only away from school if they are ill*
- *Encourage walking, cycling or scooting to school*
- *Young children must always stay next to their parent/carers (e.g. buggy, holding hands, reins)*
- *Ensure social distancing from other adults while waiting for the doors to open – as per government guidance*
- *Be on time. (Please do not arrive too early as this will cause congestion and unnecessary mixing with other families – if your child's allotted time is missed then please phone the school for further instructions.) Remember, Breakfast Club will only run for the children of Key Workers and there will be no After School Clubs until further notice*
- *Do not congregate outside the school gates; this will enable others to come into school safely*
- *Adults should wear a mask when dropping off and picking up children from school.*
- *Support school staff in reinforcing health and safety messages and set a good example by following them too.*
- *Do not attempt to enter the school building or meet with staff at the start or end of the school day but contact the office by telephone or email if you have a message for a staff member.*
- *Ensure that the school's uniform policy, including for jewellery and hair, is followed*



**Remember** – *Parents/carers/younger siblings will not be permitted to enter the school building at drop off and pick-up times. This includes for use of the toilet.*