



# St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents,

## UPDATE – Advent Term 2 2020

Welcome back and I hope everyone has enjoyed a good break over half term.

As you may know, on Saturday 31st October, the Prime Minister informed the country that we will be going back into a 'National Lockdown' beginning on Thursday 5th November, lasting approximately one month, scheduled to end on Wednesday 2nd December.

In light of this national directive and the updated guidance for educational settings (see link below), I would like to clarify the school's guidance at this time. It is important for all of us to continue to work together and follow the measures set out below for the safety and well-being of everyone in our school family.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

### Drop off / Pick up Times

	Lambs/Sheep	Camels	Lions	Doves	Eagles
Drop-off time	8:45am	9am	8:45am	9am	8:45am
Hometime	3pm	3:10pm	3pm	3:10pm	3pm

- Please arrive **ON TIME** for your drop off/pick up and **DO NOT** arrive so early that you are waiting in the playground for too long and increasing the chances of contact with others.
- If your children have different start times, **DROP OFF AND COLLECT THEM ALL AT THE LATER START TIME.** They will not miss learning time this way and you will not be waiting unnecessarily in the playground. It will also mean you can collect your children quickly and leave the site without any delays.
- Keep your children close to you whilst on site, so that they are not unnecessarily mixing with others.

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- Maintain your social distance with others at all times on the school site including between yourselves and the school staff.
- Parents are welcome to wear face coverings on the school site but they are not mandatory.
- Little Stars Breakfast and After School Club will remain open as usual.

### 'Childcare' Bubble

It is important to emphasise that in readiness for Thursday 5th November, you may need to review your collection arrangements for your child/ren, particularly if you rely on the support of other households to collect your child/ren. You may wish to form a 'Childcare Bubble.' The Government defines this as: "A childcare bubble is where someone in one household provides informal (unpaid and unregistered) childcare to a child aged 13 or under in another household....This might be a relative or a close friend and parents can only form one childcare bubble...and must always be between the same two households."

This is important, as **households can only form one** 'childcare bubble.' This would mean that from Thursday 5th November, one parent can only pick up their own children and the children **from one other household.**

**Please contact the school to advise whom you are forming a childcare bubble with, if you need support collecting your child/ren.**

### 'Support Bubble'

A 'childcare bubble' is different to a 'support bubble.'

"A support bubble is a close support network between a household **with only one adult in the home** (known as a single-adult household) and **one other household of any size.** This is called making a 'support bubble'. Once you're in a support bubble, you can think of yourself as being in a single household with people from the other household. It means you can have close contact with that household as if they were members of your own household. Once you make a support bubble, you should not change who is in your bubble. Continue to follow social distancing guidance with people outside of your household or support bubble. This is critical to keeping you, your family and friends as safe as possible."

By working together and following the guidance we continue to protect each other, helping our school remain open for all those who are well enough to attend.

A huge thank you to all our families for continuing to support our school and all the measures we have in place.

Kind Regards,

Mrs R de Wet  
Head Teacher

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