



## Head Teacher's Update 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

*"In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ."*

### **Extract from Pope Francis' Lenten message for 2021**

As the Lenten season begins this week, we complete another week of remote learning and prepare for the phased return of seniors. Please note this update on several aspects of school life at St. Augustine's. If you need further information or support, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### Communication with St. Augustine's

We seek to improve our communication with the parent body and the wider community, especially in these challenging times.

#### Senior Phase

Please note the following dates for the Senior Phase (S4, S5 and S6).

Year Group	Event	Date
S4	Parent Consultation	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> February: 1600 -1830
S5/6	Report	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> March
S5/6	Parent Consultation	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> March

There is more information in this update regarding the S4 Parent Consultation Event and more information will be shared regarding S5/6 in due course.

#### Junior Phase

We are keen to engage the parent/carers of S1-S3s to know how best to communicate. If you are a parent/carer of a S1, S2 or S3 student please complete this [short survey](#) by **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 10pm**. We will use this information to formalise our communication strategy for the rest of the year.

## Phased Return of Seniors

Schools will be allowed to have between 5-8% (max 67 senior pupils) of the school roll in the building at one time, to access essential practical resources to complete their practical learning in some certificated courses.

Senior pupils (and parents) will have been contacted about when they are expected to attend school next week. Please read this information carefully.

A key requirement of the return of seniors is that we adhere to the safety protocols in place. Please note that a new stipulation is that learners **must keep 2m physically distanced from each other, including school transport**. We appreciate your support in re-enforcing this message with your child.

In terms of some logistics: those learners who are entitled to a free school meal will be able to collect a “grab and go” lunch when they are in school. The sessions are organised to maximise the time learners have in the building; please encourage your child to be prompt so disruptions are at a minimum.

## Remote Learning

We continue to deliver remote learning for all our learners following the guidelines from the authority, which can be found [here](#). We encourage our young people to engage with the material as much as possible and seek support if they need it. Please find support in using “Teams” [here](#). Next week, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February is **Week A**.

## Reports

An engagement report for the junior phase (S1, S2 and S3) will be emailed to parents/carers on Tuesday next week. This will give a snapshot of how well your child is engaging in remote learning. If you have any concerns or require support, please let us know.

The parents/carers of S4 students have received their child’s full report today. There will be subject specific comments giving an overview of how well your child is progressing in that subject. Please note that there is the S4 Parent Consultation event next Thursday to discuss any specific concerns.

## S4 Parent Consultation Event – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February

We hold our first parent consultation next Thursday. For parents/carers of S4 learners there is still time to book appointments with your child’s teachers. The booking system will close on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 10pm**.

Please remember that most staff will contact you through telephone conversations. We appreciate your support in adhering to the strict time of 5 mins. Some staff will use email to contact you. The relevant staff will make first contact on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Full details have already been sent but if you need support, please let us know.

### Message from Home Economics

“We have had some fantastic efforts for Shrove Tuesday in Home Economics. S1 and S2 were designing their perfect pancake this week during remote learning and researching why we celebrate Shrove Tuesday. We are really pleased with the creativity and enthusiasm.



Here are just a few of the examples we received, there are so many, it has been very rewarding viewing them all.”



Well done to everyone who took part!

### Community Engagement

St. Augustine’s RC High School has always been proud of the role we have played in the wider community. Our young people are excellent ambassadors for the school and exemplify Respect, one of our core values.

Recently, there have been a small minority of students who have not shown respect of the local environment around them with some concerning anti-social behaviour. Please note that we are working with the community and other local services, including Police Scotland, to ensure that St. Augustine’s is associated with all the fantastic work our learners undertake. As always, your support and contribution in this area is greatly appreciated.

Please note this message from the authority:

The City of Edinburgh Council are developing a project to create a safer and more comfortable street environment for walking, cycling, wheeling and spending time in the local streets and outdoor spaces of Corstorphine South. To achieve this, we are looking to develop a Low Traffic Neighbourhood in the area.

As a stakeholder for the project, we would like to make you aware that a community engagement with residents is now live from **8<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021** to gather information and inform the scope of the project.

Residents, businesses and locals will have the opportunity to respond by post, email and an online survey, with all materials available online at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/corstorphine-connections/>.

A leaflet with these details has been posted to all residents and businesses in the project area. Please get in touch with the project team if you require further information or have any issues with access.

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আপনি কি এডিনবার্গে বেকার বাবা-মা? অ্যাক্সেস প্রোগ্রেস, আমরা আপনাকে একটি চাকরী, শিক্ষা বা প্রশিক্ষণ সন্ধানের স্বতন্ত্র সহায়তা সরবরাহ করি। আজই আমাদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন!

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## A moment of reflection – (courtesy of the RE faculty)

*“O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen.”*

**Henri Nouwen**

May God keep you and your loved ones healthy and safe.