



Head Teacher's Update 8th March 2021

Please find an important update regarding several aspects of St. Augustine's, including the plan for your child(ren) to return to the building.

Return of **some** learners on Monday 15th March

Following the announcement of the First Minister on Tuesday 2nd March and guidance produced by Education Scotland, [found here](#) – we have created a new timetable for **Monday 15th March until Thursday 1st April**. There is also a letter from Andy Gray, Chief Education Officer in the authority, which can be found [here](#).

Please note that individual details will be emailed out to you later this week but for now here are the day and timings to allow you to plan:

Year	Days in school building	Timings
S1	Monday – full day	0840 – 1530
S2	Tuesday – full day	0840 – 1530
S3	Wednesday – full day	0840 – 1530
S4	Monday – Wednesday (afternoons only) Thursday – full day (note 0900 start) Friday morning	1300 – 1530 0900 – 1530 0900 – 1200
S5/6	Monday – Friday (mornings only)	0900 – 1200

All learners in the specified year group will follow the above days and timings. Those learners who are in the “mini” school currently will continue with their arrangements and join their relevant year group as appropriate.

With the increase of in school learning, please be aware that the provision of remote learning *might* be affected in these three weeks leading to the Easter holidays.

Health & Safety (H&S) Notice – please read

Please note that we welcome learners back into the school building but we need to follow H&S protocols which include:

- All individuals must always stay 2m apart.
- All individuals must always wear a face covering, except when eating. (this includes when in a classroom)
 - The usual individual exemptions will still apply

- Learners will spend any breaks/lunches outside. They may purchase a “grab and go” lunch from the canteen but will eat outside. If there is inclement weather, then we will make other arrangements.
- Windows will be open in classrooms and we ask that learners continue to dress appropriately with warm jumpers as outdoor coats will be removed.
- We will continue to ask learners to wipe down their work station after every lesson.

There will be more H&S details in the communication later this week.

Uniform/Equipment

Please note that we ask all learners to wear school uniform and bring their own equipment to school, including their school iPad. That said, please do not worry if your child does not have the correct clothing the most important point is to have them return to the building and in school learning.

Community Awareness Event – Wednesday 10th March 6-7pm



An event aimed at the BAME community to raise awareness about different career paths, subject choices and the opportunities that are available to young people.

St Augustine’s are pleased to be working in partnership with Developing the Young Workforce to deliver this event. We are looking forward to sharing with parents/carers, pupils and educators, information around the different paths and options available to young people. During the session we will:

- Explore Subject Choice and how subjects link to the world of work
- Hear from Skills Development Scotland (SDS) about the Apprenticeship Family, including Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships
- Have input from guest speakers from industry, including Financial Services and Cyber Security to better understand pathways into the professions, including Apprenticeships
- Provide information, advice and guidance to parents to support their young people to make informed choices about career paths

Although this event is geared towards BAME families, all parents and carers are welcome to attend if they wish more information about career paths.

Please sign up at this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sh1TOSczQ_G_ImIkN0n_jgw

In advance of the session, we would encourage attendees to explore the range of career insight videos on the DYW YouTube channel and opportunities posted on our social media channels:

[DYW - Edinburgh, Midlothian and East Lothian](#)

If you have any questions, please contact our DYW School Co-ordinator – Hashim Mohammed on hashim.mohammed@edinburghchamber.co.uk

Support

Please find [here](#) a flyer for a number of different supports and activities for our community organised through: SCORE Scotland. Please find an extract from their [website](#):

Racism stops people from living the lives that they deserve

We work with partners to address the causes of racism and we provide support to families and young people who struggle with its effects. Our goal is to strengthen communities and to enable people to take an active and full part in community life. Please [contact us](#) if you would like to access any of our services or would like to find out about how you can help us.

S5/6 Parent Consultation

Please note that this event is **Thursday 11th March 1600 - 1830**. You can still book appointments through the parent booking system.

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](#). This week, Monday 8th March – Friday 12th March is **Week A**.

Term Session Dates for 2022/23 and beyond

The authority has prepared a survey about the timing of school holidays over the next three years. Parents and staff groups have contributed to the wording of the questions. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete.

The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/schsd2022>

Formal Assessments for Seniors

Please be aware that after the Easter holidays, seniors will have opportunities to undertake formal assessments during class time. We will organise a calendar to ensure that your child does not have more than two assessments in one day and give you as much notice as possible regarding these dates.

In the meantime, seniors must engage with staff to complete all tasks set to the best of their ability. If there are any issues or questions, please ask the relevant member of staff, we are only too pleased to help.

A message from St. Margaret's Parent Council (one of our Cluster Primary Schools) (repeat notice):

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO
ON A SATURDAY NIGHT?**

St Margaret's Parent Council

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 27 March 8pm

Join us for a lockdown Quiz Night. It's free to join (although any donations are welcome) and The Little Parlour have donated a delicious prize of a tub of ice-cream and toppings delivered to the winner's door. To enter just email your team name to

events@stmargaretsparentcouncil.co.uk

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Dates for your diary (repeat notice)

Please find below key dates from this week until the last day of the Summer term. We will keep to these dates and may add to the calendar depending on what the Scottish Government dictates in response to the pandemic. For example, we know two more inset days are planned for staff, we just don't know when.

Parent Council Meeting	Thurs 4 th March 6pm on "Teams"
S5/6 Report	Mon 8 th March
S5/6 Parent Consultation	Thurs 11th March
S3 Reports to Parents/Carers	Tues 30 th March
Easter Holidays	2 nd – 19 th April (inclusive)
Bank Holiday	Mon 3 rd May
Inset day – Staff only	Tues 4 th May
S2 Report to Parents/Carers	Fri 14 th May
Bank Holiday	Mon 3 rd May
Parent Council Meeting	Thurs 3 rd June 6pm (tbc)
S1 Report to Parents/Carers	Fri 18 th June
End of Term	Fri 25 th June

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

“If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation, we cannot heal the world.”

Pope Francis, 5th August 2020

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