



St. Augustine's  
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28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great warmth that I welcome you to St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School and congratulate you on securing a Reception place for your child in September 2023. I am very proud to be part of a vibrant, happy and caring school where children are clearly at the centre of everything we do. We are very much looking forward to starting a successful, working relationship between you and your child and thank you for choosing St. Augustine's.

St. Augustine's is a friendly and high-achieving Catholic Primary School serving the parish of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, in the community of Weymouth and Portland. We are part of Plymouth CAST, which is a multi-academy trust. Our shared mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy and stimulating environments and leave us with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel and the Laudato Si.

Through our school Mission Statement, "Lead us Lord, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly", and our school motto, "Be the best you can be" we encourage all our children to develop their talents and skills to become confident life-long learners and good citizens. Our partnership between school, parents and parish is vitally important to us, as we believe in Christ being at the centre of everything that we do.

As Headteacher of St. Augustine's, I am proud to be the leader of an exceptional team, which has your child's best interests at heart. The staff at St. Augustine's make the education of your child/ren their first concern and promote the highest possible standards in work and conduct. When your child starts with us, you also become a valued partner in your child's learning journey. We wish to work closely with you to ensure your child is able to thrive.

We invite you to browse our school website to <http://www.staugustines.dorset.sch.uk> to get a flavour of our creative, aspirational and caring school and to access the 'Parent' and 'Reception' tab along the top tool bar of the website, together with information on the curriculum, Catholic life, latest news, school calendar, policies and much more.

To aid the settling in process we are holding an information session for Parents/Guardians on **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 9.30am**. At the meeting, we will discuss how we teach in

Reception, how you can help your child at home, classroom and school routines. You will also have an opportunity to look around the school, meet and to talk informally with the Reception staff, as well as with other parents of new children. We would urge you to try your very best to attend the meeting if possible. Our school uniform will be on display, and you will be given an opportunity to talk to our school uniform provider in detail, should you so wish.

To help with your child/ren's transition to St Augustine's we will also be offering a 'Stay and Play' session on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. Further details will be sent out closer to the time.

Prior to your child starting school in September 2023, it is essential that you provide us with all relevant contact details (to include details of **two** emergency contacts) and information regarding any allergies and/or medical conditions that your child may have. You will find attached an '**All About Me**' form and '**Contact Details**' form for you to please complete with this important information. We ask that you please complete and return both forms to the School Office **by Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

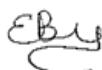
To communicate with parents, we use an electronic communication system called 'ParentMail'. To ensure that you are registered and able to receive communications from us prior to September, we would like all parents to activate their ParentMail account **by Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**. To enable the School Office to send you an invite to join ParentMail, please provide your email address on your child's Contact Details form.

In addition to the enclosed forms, we also request that you bring your child's original Birth Certificate (i.e. long version) and Baptismal Certificate (where applicable) into the School Office between 9.30am to 2.30pm **by Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, so these documents can be copied for our records and returned to you straightaway.

I will be in contact with you again towards the end of the school academic year, to inform you of the exact transitional period we will be offering to support your child with starting a very exciting and enjoyable journey at St. Augustine's School.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully



Mrs E Berry  
Headteacher

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