St. Augustine's RCHS

Year 7 Pupil Information

School Mission Statement

Faith and Love

At Saint Augustine's, we want our young people to act justly, love tenderly and recognise God in their lives. Working with families, we will educate children in accordance with the principles and teachings of the Catholic Church. Our faith is nourished through the Eucharist and we want everyone at Saint Augustine's to experience the joy of the Gospel in their journey through school and beyond. We will foster, in all members of our community, a love of God and a love of others as Jesus taught us.

Care and Support

We believe that every person is made and loved by God. This is why we respect each other, value human dignity and consider the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable. We want our pupils to be safe, happy and successful at school. We will provide an environment that inspires, encourages and supports their development through nurturing their gifts and talents, and will instil in them the importance of the common good and the stewardship of creation.

Ambition and Success

We aim to provide pupils with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that they need to be successful at school and in later life. We will work to fulfil the potential of every member of our school by providing an education that values the whole person and promotes personal and spiritual growth. Together we will send out our young people to make a difference in our community and in the wider world.

All pupils have the right to be safe, happy and successful.

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Welcome

Hello Year 6!

My name is Mrs Lambert, and I am so pleased to be welcoming you to St Augustine's as you begin this exciting new chapter. Congratulations on gaining a place at our fantastic school — we are really looking forward to meeting you and helping you settle in.

Starting high school is a big step and a brand-new beginning. You might be feeling excited, a little nervous, or a mixture of both — that's completely normal. From your very first day, our aim is to make sure you feel safe, happy, and supported so that you can be successful in everything you do.

On your first day in September, you'll spend time getting to know your form group, meet your teachers, and begin to find your way around the school. We'll guide you through everything, including how lunchtime works and where you need to go. All you need to bring is your school bag and a pencil case — we'll take care of the rest. At the end of the day, we'll also make sure you know how to get home safely, including support with school buses.

This is your fresh start — a chance to try new things, make new friends, and discover what you enjoy. I encourage you to get involved, work hard, and always be kind to others. We want every one of you to feel happy, confident, and proud to be part of our school community.

Enjoy a well-earned, restful summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you in September, ready to begin your journey with us.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Lambert

What you will need…..

It may be a good idea to tick these items off the list!

- ✓ A blue or black pen (plus a spare one)
- ✓ Pencils and pencil sharpener
- ✓ Rubber
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ Coloured pencils
- ✓ Green pen
- ✓ Geometry set
- ✓ Scissors and glue
- ✓ Reading Book—from home or the library
- ✓ Calculator
- ✓ Strong bag for books
- ✓ Technology apron (a plain blue apron - available to buy on Amazon)
- ✓ P.E. kit
- ✓ Bus pass / bus fare
- ✓ Dinner money / packed lunch
- ✓ Spare medication e.g. inhalers to hand into the office with your name clearly marked on it
- ✓ Covers or paper for backing books

Home Learning

On the first day you will be given a home learning diary which is to help you remember and organise your home learning.

Try to find a quiet place and do your homework as soon as it is set when it is fresh in your mind. Don't keep putting it off so you end up rushing it.

Always write your home learning down carefully so you know what you have been asked to do. You can tick the "done" column when you have finished it.

You will also be given an email address and instructions on how to use Teams, you will need this to complete any online homework.

Ask your parents to sign your diary each week so they can see all the work you have been doing.

Buses

Getting home on the bus is easy. During your first day you will be taken to the yard and shown where you will queue up for your bus.

At the end of the day you will see the order of the buses, these are displayed near the turning circle. You join the queue behind the number of the bus which is on your bus pass.

You will probably be travelling with lots of other children from your primary school so it is a good chance to sit with friends and chat.

We expect pupils to sit still and travel safely. If you are unhappy about anyone's behaviour on your bus, tell your form teacher or ask your parents to phone the school. Bus Prefects are on all buses as well.

Your Timetable

Your form teacher will give you your 2-week (week 1 and week 2) individual timetable on the first day. It will tell you:

- ✓ when you have each subject (period/time)
- ✓ which room you are in
- ✓ who will be teaching you

You will also get a spare timetable to leave at home. Your parents might want to put it in a place where they can easily check to see if you have the right books for each day (perhaps it would be a good idea to stick it on the fridge!)

Dinner Times

For the first week of term your teachers will take you down to the dining room for an early lunch. On any day of the week you can bring a packed lunch or buy a hot or cold dinner. The food is delicious and not too expensive. The dinner ladies are friendly and helpful. In the dining room there are lots of tables and chairs so you can sit with your friends and chat, or make new friends. After the first week you will be shown where to line up for hot or cold dinners. You will go into lunch on a weekly rota basis with years 8 and 9. If you get into school early you can buy a breakfast. Food is also available to purchase at break.

Lovely Lunches

Paninis
Home-made cakes
Pasta and Lasagne
Jacket potatoes
Chicken curry and rice
Salads and Wraps
Cold drinks
Sandwiches and baguettes
Chicken wraps
Casseroles
Fresh fruit
Yoghurts
Pies & flans

SARCHS Standards

Arrival to school

I will:

- ✓ Arrive by 08.45
- ✓ Ensure I am in the correct uniform.
- ✓ Line up outside form room single file so as not to obstruct the corridor.
- ✓ Go straight into the hall and sit with the form alphabetically, if it is my assembly day

Moving between lessons

I will:

- ✓ Move to my next lesson immediately – taking the most direct route and being aware of the one-way systems
- ✓ Walk sensibly and quietly with purpose, single file on the left-hand side
- ✓ Ensure I am in the correct uniform – no coats / hoodies. Make sure my phone is out of sight.

At the Door and 'Do Now'

I will:

- ✓ Enter the classroom quickly and quietly.
- ✓ Not talk or make noise as I enter the classroom.
- ✓ Walk directly to my allocated seat.
- ✓ Take equipment out of my bag and put my bag under the desk.
- ✓ Start the Do Now without the need for instruction.
- ✓ Respond only to the register.

During the lesson

I will:

- ✓ Follow instructions, first time, every time
- ✓ Be an active listener and learner
- ✓ Take pride in my work
- ✓ Put my hand up if I want to speak
- ✓ Ask an adult for help if needed
- ✓ Try my best

The end of the lesson

I will:

- ✓ Complete the final learning activity as directed.
- ✓ Tidy away my belongings, when asked to do so.
- ✓ Pass my books to the row in front. If I am sitting on the front row, I will collect the books and put at the side of the desk. Follow the teacher's instructions regarding packing the books away.
- ✓ Quietly, leave the classroom as instructed by my teacher.
- ✓ Walk directly to my next classroom, using the quickest route and walking on the left.

In the dining hall

I will:

- ✓ Queue up in an orderly manner (single file) outside the hall if I want hot food.
- ✓ Walk through the hall to the dining room with my packed lunch.
- ✓ Put waste and litter in the bins provided – no food or litter on the floor
- ✓ Follow adult's instructions first time, every time.
- ✓ Only exit through the drama corridor to go outside
- ✓ Only come in for cakes, biscuits, and drinks once all pupils have bought a hot lunch (will be directed by member of staff)
- ✓ Queue up in a single file outside rooms 28/27 if I want to buy a panini

Rewards
What can you claim?

15
- 1 item of stationery
- drink/cake voucher
- 1 day queue jump

30
- 2 items of stationery
- breakfast voucher
- 2 x 1 day queue jumps
- water bottle

50
- lunch voucher
- powerbank
- 1 week queue jump
- £5 off a school trip
- year 11 may choose £5 off Prom
- year 10/11 may choose 2 x revision items

75
- 2 x revision items (all years)
- 2 week queue jump

100
- pizza at lunch with the Heads of School

Yr7 only - get 50 reward points in a year and receive a Silver star badge

all years - get 100 reward points in a year and receive a gold star badge

Clubs and Activities

There are all sorts of clubs which you can join as you move through the school. In Year 7, there are lots of sporting activities like football, netball, rounders, badminton, table tennis and running. If you like drawing, there is an art club and many pupils enjoy the drama club.

You can play chess and other board games. There are lots of musical activities like the choir and band which are always popular. If you are stuck with homework, you can get help at the study club most lunchtimes.

You will find a list of clubs in your form rooms during the second week of term. There will also be an extra-curricular fair held during a lunch time, where you will be able to sign up for any of the activities on offer.

Making Friends

Starting a new school is a good chance to make lots of new friends. You will quickly get to know lots of new people especially in your form and teaching classes.

Don't be too scared to talk to people and if someone talks to you, speak to them and be friendly. There will be quite a few children who start school in September who won't know many other people.

Joining clubs or playing football at breaktimes are other ways of making friends who share the same interests as you. As you make new friends, try to introduce them to your other friends too.

Teachers and Rewards

When you are at St. Augustine's, you will have a different teacher for each subject - you will be wondering what they are all like! You will find that they are very helpful and encouraging. They expect you to work hard, and want you to do your best. They will speak to your parents at progress evening or before if they are concerned about you.

If you do an excellent piece of work, your teacher will give you a reward point. School vouchers or stationary are awarded for every 10 points you receive, and each term everyone with 30 reward points is entered into a Year 7 draw for a £50 multi-shop voucher.

The Library

The resources available in our library include books, videos, audio books, computers and games.

The library is open most lunchtimes and break times, and many pupils use it to read or borrow books, or to play games like scrabble and boggle.

The large fiction section includes Chillers, Fantasy and Science Fiction, Lifelike and Lite Bites (short stories).

Getting Organised….

- ✓ Being organised will help you to remember everything and feel confident about coming to school. It is a good idea to pack your bag the night before so you aren't rushing in the morning.
- ✓ Have a spare drawer, shelf or box to keep all your school books and equipment in so you don't lose anything.
- ✓ Try to do your homework as soon as you can on the day you get it.
- ✓ Write down any extra things you need each day e.g. tech apron etc.
- ✓ Use your school diary to record all homework and messages for parents.

Lockers

During the first few weeks of term pupils are offered the chance to rent a locker for the year. The charge is usually £5 and includes a lock and key. Pupils may find it useful for storing their P.E. kit or books etc. Pupils will be informed via Pupil Messages when lockers become available - they will then be directed to Pupil Services.

School Council

The School Council is composed of pupils who have been elected to represent each year group. They meet once a term to discuss ideas to make the school a better place for pupils. Elections for Year 7 pupil representatives are held in the Autumn Term.

School Trips

There are usually several trips organised for Year 7 pupils, though these may vary from year to year. There are often theatre trips arranged by the English department, and last year the Science department took over 100 pupils to London.

For many years, a group of 60 pupils have travelled on a Languages trip for a weekend in France. At the end of every year, there is a whole school trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, which is arranged for all pupils who have worked hard and behaved well throughout the year.

There are many trips arranged for the other year groups - these have included Music trips to Scotland; MFL & History trips to France; Sport trips to Italy; Geography trips to Japan, Africa and Iceland, and RE retreats to Alton Castle and the Lake District.

What to do if…….

You are late for school….

If you have missed registration, you must report to Pupil Services where you will be signed in and given a slip.

You forget your dinner or dinner money…

Do not worry! We will ensure that you can still use your Arbor account, just let Pupil Services know and they can either contact home or arrange for you to get a lunch from the kitchen.

Someone at school is making you unhappy….

Tell your Form Teacher or Year Leader. You could also tell a friend or your parents who could then tell someone for you. You can also report this using the online form on the school website that looks like this:

You feel ill at school….

Tell your next teacher, and if they think you need to go home, they will sign your diary and send you to Pupil Services who will contact home. DO NOT CONTACT HOME YOURSELF.

You are off ill for a few days…

Remind your parents to record your absence on Arbor before 9:30am on the first day that you are ill. Try to borrow books off someone in your class so you can copy up any work you have missed.

You lose something at school…

Try to retrace your steps and look in the rooms you have been in. Ask at the Pupil Services, they can help you check lost property.

You don't understand the work you have been asked to do for home learning…

It is best to ask your teacher for help. If you can't do this, you could ask a friend or member of your family. Or you can go to Study Club where someone can help you.

Every School Day Counts

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

5 days absence over the whole year

97% - 100%

Good chance of success and progress

20 days absence over the whole year

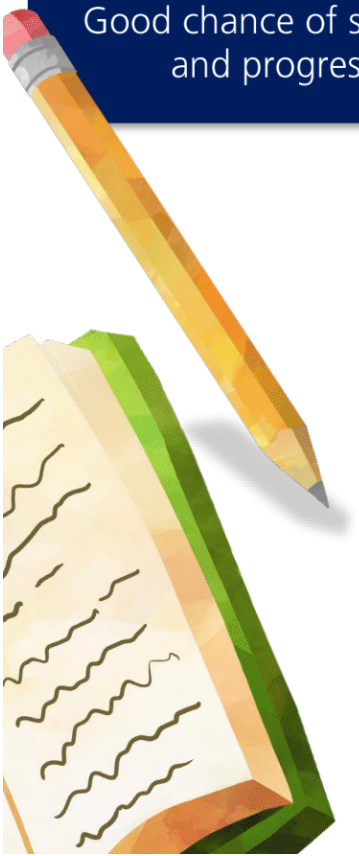
90%

Less chance of success. Harder to make progress

20 + days absence over the whole year

Under 90%

Detrimental to success and progress



Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(figures below are calculated over a school year)

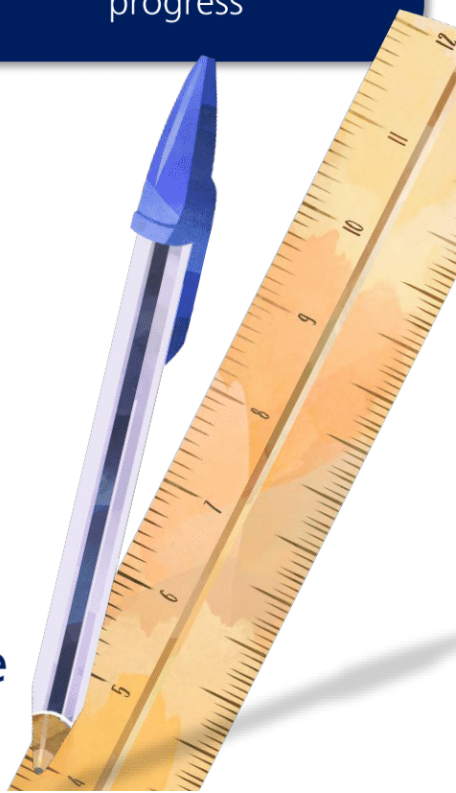
5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!

10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost!

15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost!

20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost!

30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost!



Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!