



Dear Parents and Carers.

We are now approaching the end of our third week of remote learning. I would like to thank you for your feedback on the home learning that has been in place via our work packs on the website.

As we now know this situation will continue for 3 weeks or more; we have been looking into how we can improve the learning from home experience for our students. It is important to us that we provide a good quality of learning and support for all our students, and that whatever access to IT devices you have there is still a rich learning experience available.

We have decided to use a learning platform called SHOWBIE with all our students. This is an interactive learning platform that allows teachers to load up work for students and post comments to the group or individuals. Students can view the tasks and advice, and are then able to upload their completed work using a document upload from a computer or use the camera on their phones as a scanner.

We have chosen this route as it is very simple to use and has good flexibility for use on mobile phones, iPADS and laptops.

We anticipate all work being set on SHOWBIE by the 4th May 2020.

Students need to download the SHOWBIE APP – if they want to use a mobile phone. Or login to the website if using a lap top or PC. They then need to set up an account for themselves.

When selecting the school please ensure St Augustine Academy, Maidstone UK is chosen. There are some schools with similar names so care is needed when doing this.

Students will receive an email from their teacher with a code to sign up to the class. They simply follow the instructions on screen to do this and then they can start to send messages and see the work being set.

Within 2 weeks we will be able to allow parent access to SHOWBIE. This will enable a parent to have a login in and be able to see the work their son/daughter has completed and the feedback for the teacher if you wish to do so.

Please be advised that this is in addition to the use of Hegarty Maths, Seneca Learning, Bedrock, and Educake online programs. Each of these programs will complement the learning package for St Augustine Academy students.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Dean

Vice Principal