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*'Loving God in all we do'*

Thursday 18th November

Dear parents,

Following last week's letter regarding Covid numbers in school, I am writing to update families with the current school situation.

Thankfully, we have not seen a rapid increase in either children or staff testing positive. We do have classes where teachers have tested positive and therefore supply teachers or teaching assistants are working in these classes. I appreciate that there may be a different adult teaching in your child's class on a daily basis, but I have no control over this. We are all working at capacity to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children and I thank you for your understanding.

We hope that by the beginning of next week, there will only be a small number of classes where teachers are absent due to isolating. Clearly this is a dynamic situation that calls for daily risk assessments. Risk assessments are carried out at the start of the school day to assess absence and respond appropriately.

At this point in time, it would appear that the slight changes we have made to school life this week are working in trying to reduce the spread of the virus. I think it would be sensible to continue with the changes we have made for at least another two weeks and reassess at the beginning of December. Please continue to follow this guidance:

- All positive cases should be isolating.
- School will continue to follow hygiene advice.
- School to consider ways to improve ventilation indoors (where this would not significantly impact thermal comfort).
- School will advise face masks in communal areas for all adults.
- School will advise face masks for parents when on site. School will encourage parents not to gather at the start and end of the school day.
- PCR testing encouraged for all close contacts of children who are unwell.
- Testing is also encouraged for any wider symptoms or if in doubt.
- Symptomatic staff and children should not be in school until well (10 days for covid symptoms) and should seek PCR test
- No mixing of children across year groups.
- Consider whether any activities could take place outdoors.

## Parents Evening

Parents' evenings are planned for Monday 22nd and Thursday 25th of November. When assessing the risk of holding parents evening, it is important to take a balanced approach. By Monday 22nd of November, data indicates there will only be a small number of classes whose teachers will still be self-isolating.

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Currently, the classes where parents evening **will not take place** next week are as follows:

Class 1	Parents already informed	Rearranged once teachers have returned to school.
Class 3	Staff isolating	Rearranged once teachers have returned to school.
Class 7	Staff isolating	Rearranged once teachers have returned to school.

With this information in mind, **parents evening for all other classes will continue as planned**. If a large number of teachers test positive prior to Monday, I will make an informed decision as to whether we can sensibly continue with our plans.

To try to be as safe as possible, we will be asking parents to follow these instructions:

1. If any parents are presenting with any symptoms of Covid, they do not attend.
2. No children to attend parents evening.
3. If possible, parents as asked to wear face coverings in school.
4. Each appointment will be held in your child's classroom and last for a maximum of 10 minutes.
5. Parents will enter their child's classroom through the classroom's blue fire door. These are the doors that are used by the children at the start and end of the school day. Parents are asked to wait outside until their appointment time.
6. We do have lighting around the outside of the school building. Parents are asked to take care when walking to the classrooms and use a torch if required.
7. Teachers will sit socially distanced from parents. Classrooms will be well ventilated.
8. Children's books will not be available.

Parents will receive their child's autumn term report at Parents' Evening. If parents cannot attend next week, reports will be sent home at a later date.

#### Christmas celebrations

St Anne's has planned for all Christmas celebrations to take place this year. We will monitor Covid numbers prior to any event and adjust planning appropriately. All school staff, and everyone who helps organise our celebrations, is totally committed to trying to do the very best we can for our children and families.

#### EYFS/KS1

Congratulation to Mrs Preston who will lead EYFS and KS1 on a temporary basis through to September. Mrs Preston thoroughly deserves this leadership opportunity.

Kind regards,

Mr P Bates

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