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## Important information

January 14th

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you and your families are well. During these difficult times, it is important to focus on the numerous offers of help and support that our school community continues to offer to one another. Working together to support one another is needed now more than ever. I would like to thank again the whole school community who have been very helpful in supporting our school this week. This week we have averaged 35% attendance across all year groups. Our highest year group attendance has been 46%. Although attendance is high, please be assured we are doing all we can to keep everyone as safe as possible.

### Online learning

It is important to recognise that throughout our school community there will be a range of expertise when using online learning. Teachers will continue to provide differentiated learning through the platform of Class Charts. This provides children and families with the flexibility to access learning at a convenient time of the day depending on their individual circumstances.

From Monday 18th January, there will be two teacher support meetings taking place everyday for each year group. Meetings will be scheduled from 9.30am-10.30am and 11.00am -12.00 noon. These meetings will focus mainly on English and Maths and we will use the TEAMS platform to deliver these meetings. Teachers may also use these meetings to discuss other subjects to help support children.

### How this will work

Teachers will continue to set children's learning on Class Charts for each year group. As a two-form entry school, we have two teachers per year group. One teacher will manage the teacher support meeting for all children both on-line and in school. The classroom interactive boards will enable the children in school to listen to the teacher during the meeting at the same time as children who are accessing the meeting at home. Once the children start working independently, the teacher running the online meeting will provide guidance to children working at home whilst the teacher in school will provide guidance to the children in school. We tested this system with Class 12 yesterday and it proved very successful.

### Classroom expectations

The same classroom expectations will be in place whether children are at school or at home. If children wish to ask the teacher a question, they must use the hand facility on TEAMS in the same way children would raise their hand in class. Adults and children need to be aware that, exactly like

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in a classroom, all children will be able to hear questions during the meeting. I will have access to attend meetings enabling me to join any meeting at any point in the week.

There is a shared understanding that all families and staff are trying their hardest to make online learning the best we can for all our children. We are all human and mistakes will happen. Technology will at times fail too! We all understand that using TEAMS must not add additional stress to children, families or staff. Therefore, attendance during these meetings is optional.

#### Acceptable Use Policy for Microsoft TEAMS

Mr Knowles has prepared an Acceptable Use Policy that all children must follow. Children have access to their TEAMS account and they must be responsible for their own online behaviour. Parents are responsible for explaining to their children the expected standards of behaviour when using the TEAMS platform. This platform must only be used for school learning and not for social conversations. Children must understand that all the people who are in the year group team will see all comments within the group chat facility. Children will be able to join the meetings at the set times of 9.30am and 11.00am. Children will need to be logged into TEAMS and ready to join the meeting on time.

It is clear to me that technology will continue to be an important tool in educating our children. I fully understand that there are parents who really want to support their children through on-line learning but find using technology very difficult. I also know that in every year group there are parents who have a wealth of experience and expertise.

St Anne's is a wonderful school community. I ask all parents to continue to support one another and take a shared responsibility for all our children's social, emotional and academic needs. I know parents will continue to offer support and guidance to any families who may be struggling with technology. The following link provides additional guidance on how games consoles can help with accessing web-based learning.

<https://sway.office.com/ka0yFbKLeluli0Wf?ref=Twitter&loc=play>

In addition, you will have received a phone call from a member of staff this week. We plan to repeat this phone call on a weekly basis as this provides an opportunity to speak to our families and to listen to our families. We will listen and try our very best to help.

Best wishes,

Mr P Bates  
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