



*'Loving God in all we do'*

Tuesday 5th January

## Important update for all our families

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you and families are all well. I would like to praise and thank all our children, staff and families for the calm approach I have witnessed in school today. I too listened to the Prime Minister's announcement last night and received the information on schools at the same time as everyone else. I would like to thank you all for the kind words and supportive messages we have received in school this morning.

It is important to reflect on how well our St Anne's school community managed during the previous lockdown measures. When planning for this period of home learning, it is also important to reflect on the feedback from parents whose children isolated during the autumn term. Many parents, myself included, find home schooling a difficult challenge. This morning, my leadership team have reflected on the experience of the past year along with the feedback we have received, to develop a manageable and realistic strategy for all our children. Please see additional email. It goes without saying that at any point in time this strategy could change if Government make further announcements!

### Vulnerable children and children whose parents who are Key Workers

The Prime Minister has made it clear that schools are only open for vulnerable children and for children whose parents are key workers. During the lockdown last year, parents at St Anne's only requested provision when they had no other option. This trusting relationship is essential to ensure our school community is able to reduce contacts as much as possible. Please search [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search for the critical workers list.

**We will use Microsoft Forms to enable you to inform school that your child will be attending school for the following week. This form will be available from today, Tuesday 5th January, through to 11.45pm on Thursday 7th January.** Please read the form carefully and complete each section that is relevant to your child. A new form must be completed for each individual child. Parents who may have had individual conversations or sent emails to Mrs Penlington this morning must also complete this form. School will send a new form each week for parents for complete. This system proved very successful last year. To access the form, click on the following hyperlink:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-8SRUitlfUertJo62ySxZatPSGM\\_SG9GoLfuxY4FAFxFUNkhZT05SMEJROE4wUFBWWjVMM1VJS0E4Uy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-8SRUitlfUertJo62ySxZatPSGM_SG9GoLfuxY4FAFxFUNkhZT05SMEJROE4wUFBWWjVMM1VJS0E4Uy4u)

For the rest of this week, if you need provision for your child, please arrive at school at the normal time.

Timings of the school day

We will continue with the same opening and closing times that have been in place throughout the autumn term.

School Uniform

All children in school must wear the appropriate school uniform. This includes PE kits on days when children will be completing PE lessons.

School dinners

We hope to be able to offer hot school dinners to our children. If this is not possible, I will inform parents as soon as possible.

Teachers will begin to set home learning tonight. I would like to thank all our children and families for your patience and support during these extremely difficult times.

Take care,

Mr P Bates  
Headteacher