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Important update

January 7th

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all well during this period of National Lockdown. As you would expect for a school who serves large numbers of key workers families, we have been overwhelmed by the number of parents requesting a place for their child in school. St Anne's works tirelessly as a community to help each other and this must continue. The Government's list of key worker and vulnerable children is broad and open to interpretation

I am deeply concerned about the health and safety implications for all our children, their families and all St Anne's staff when considering the very high numbers of contacts currently in school. The projected number of contacts in school for next week are even higher. We have had over 195 requests for places.

St Anne's must prioritise provision for our vulnerable children. The parents who have been contacted this week must continue to send their child to school. Key worker children, whose parents' jobs are critical to the Covid response, must also be a priority. It is essential our NHS and emergency response workers have places in school for their children.

Therefore, I am asking all families to reflect on your own personal circumstances and ask yourselves the question of whether, during this period of National Lockdown, it is essential for your child/children to attend school next week. If there is the option for your child to stay at home because only one parent is a key worker, I would ask you to consider this option.

I will need to risk assess the number of children and staff in school on Monday to decide how we move forward.

Best wishes,

Mr P Bates
Headteacher

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