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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to communicate how St Anne's will respond to the ongoing impact that Covid-19 is having on our children's education. I hope this information will provide comfort and reassurance that once we move to a different phase in this pandemic, my thoughts will continue to be focussed on the impact Covid-19 has had on our children's education. It is essential to confirm once again that the health and well-being of our children, families and staff must be the priority during this very challenging time. Equally important though, is the longer-term strategic plan for dealing with the impact Covid-19 has already had, and will continue to have, on our children's learning.

Data analysis from September through to November indicates that 124 children have had their education disrupted due to Covid-19. This equates to 36% of children in school. Thankfully, only a small number of children have tested positive for Covid-19 with the vast majority of children's education disrupted due to contact tracing. Data also indicates that 29% of our most vulnerable children, along with 31% of children who receive additional learning support, have had their education disrupted by Covid-19.

The reality for our youngest children is that their first few years of school have been, and will continue to be, impacted by this pandemic. The first few years of a child's schooling lay the foundations for all future learning. As children progress through school into Upper Key Stage 2, they embed and secure their understanding of key concepts. Upper Key Stage 2 provides opportunities for children to further secure their understanding along with the opportunity to prepare for High School. Every year group is equally important for each individual child. I recognise that additional support will be required for all our children as they progress through the next few years at St Anne's because of this virus. Please be assured that St Anne's Leadership Team continually plan several school terms ahead to meet all our children's individual needs.

Although there will be an understandable degree of frustration and concern aimed at the disruption this virus is causing, it is important to communicate that all pupil progress meetings, subject leadership meetings, teachers' appraisal meetings along with teaching and learning audits are actively being undertaken this term. We have extremely rigorous processes in place to ensure we know every individual child's needs. We also have the expertise to know how to respond.

I ask once again, for us all to maintain our continued support and understanding for each other as we journey through this very difficult and challenging period of time.

Best wishes,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher

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