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'Loving God in all we do'

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Dear parents and carers,

I would like to celebrate the calmness and offers of support from all the children, parents and staff who made changes to their plans due to positive Covid-19 test from a member of staff employed through Lancashire County Council's catering team. As a school community, we must acknowledge that there is the realisation that this virus will affect the day-to-day running of our school. The reality is that as we go forward, all our children, staff and families may well need to change plans at very short notice when a positive case is confirmed. We follow the advice from Public Health England and we know we can respond and communicate to all our families in a very short time-frame.

Calmness must be the key ingredient to ensure the positive well-being of all. Due to our rigorous planning over several months, there is no need to worry about learning opportunities if a classroom/year group needs to isolate. We have a 'Blended Learning Strategy' that will be shared with parents later next week. This explains in detail how learning will continue in the event of a class/year group needing to isolate. A number of tasks all children and families can complete now, will help to ease worries at a later date. Locating the curriculum information on the website, along with your child's year group page, will help your child in their learning. Accessing Class Charts every day to celebrate your child's positive behaviour will help you to familiarise yourself with this platform. Also by ensuring the relevant passwords for Education City, My Maths or Reading Plus are readily available will help for when you need them.

Through discussions with parents and teachers, I have started using the phrase, 'Staying together by staying apart'. I think this short, simple statement helps us all to understand the importance of following the Government's advice. For St Anne's to be able to operate, my teachers must 'Stay Apart' from parents who may wish to ask questions by the classroom doors. We can only keep our teachers and families safe, by families leaving the school grounds at the end of the day and not congregating to talk whilst children play on the climbing equipment. Current medical evidence suggests that the virus is spreading from adult to adult and that transmission rates in Lancashire are high. It is important we all work together to ensure St Anne's school community continues to thrive through 'Staying together by staying apart'.

Updates on packed lunches

Universal Free School packed lunches will continue for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 through to the 7th October. If parents in these year groups wish to receive their child's Universal Free School dinner then please complete the following form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-8SRUitfUertJo62ySxZatPSGM_SG9GoLfuxY4FAFxUNK1IU1FUSUFBNVaxMTYxOFdPUK1PQzRGQS4u

School staff will talk to the children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are entitled to a free school dinner and ask what they would like on their sandwich.

Best wishes,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher

Headteacher: Mr P. Bates
Deputy Headteachers:
Mrs A. Birmingham & Mrs G. Cleary

