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*'Loving God in all we do'*

Wednesday September 1st

Dear parents, grandparents and carers,

I hope all our families have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. All the staff at St Anne's are looking forward to the new school year with our children and I know that all the children will be excited to spend time with their class friends once again. Over the past 18 months, routines changed depending on the local or national context. We are planning to continue to maintain many of the same sensible routines we introduced last year and this letter will explain the key points.

### School Routines

Children will be able to enter their classrooms from 8.45am through to 8.55am. If children are late, and the external classroom doors are closed, they must enter school through the main office. The school day ends at 3.30pm.

We will be promoting sensible hand hygiene throughout the school day. Hand sanitisers and/or soap will be available when children arrive at school and also at various times throughout the day. We will be promoting good ventilation in all classrooms and will follow any advice provided by the DfE regarding ventilation.

Class bubbles are no longer compulsory and children will return to being able to sit across from one another in classrooms and in the dinner halls.

Children will continue to arrive at school dressed in their PE kits on PE days. This positive change has increased participation in lessons and reduced wasted time with children getting changed. Teachers will communicate PE days to children and families.

Teachers will be able to continue to offer after school clubs and we hope inter-school competitions will also take place through the autumn term.

### Building developments

Over the past four years, every teaching classroom has been refurbished and developed. This year we have several external plans to share.

Linking curriculum developments alongside the school building/grounds has been a longer term strategic plan. The first topic of the year is 'Healthy Bodies, Health Minds' and, during last year, the 'Year 6 Young School Leaders' designed a school garden. The purpose of the garden was to enable children, staff and families to have a space for both quiet reflection and also a place to be able to garden and grow our own produce.

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I cannot thank enough the kindness shown by Mr and Mrs Harvey who spent time with our children last year to discuss their ideas. During the summer holidays, their team of skilled workers have created our garden ready for our children to use. Every child in school will be able to learn when using the 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds' garden space as they progress through school. The garden will develop and grow as our children want it to with planting and vegetables chosen by the children.

Over the past twelve months, the finances for several important external building developments have been secured. The following developments will transform and further enhance the already excellent learning opportunities our children receive at St Anne's.

During the next academic year, subject to planning permissions, the following external developments will take place.

1. New perimeter fencing will be installed along with automatic gated access for pedestrians and vehicles.
2. A new bespoke Music, Art and Design Technology classroom will be constructed on the site of the old nursery building. Children will have their Music, Art and DT lessons in this classroom which will be purpose built to enable creativity to thrive.
3. The development of an outdoor Science Classroom enabling children to use and apply Scientific skills within St Anne's school grounds.
4. A new, purpose built main entrance to our school incorporating a welcoming reception area, spacious waiting areas, family meeting rooms and access into the Key Stage 2 building.

The above development will add excitement and interest for our children and they observe the changes to the school grounds over the next twelve months. I will continue to welcome our families into school every morning by standing either on the main drive way or on the pathway by the Year 5 and Year 6 entrance.

Best wishes,

Mr P Bates  
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