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Dear parents/guardians,

First of all, welcome back after the Summer!

I would also like to welcome to the St. Ann's family, the new parents and children, who are starting our school for the first time, from Nursery up to Year 6.

I must apologise for being late with this letter, but as you can imagine things were very hectic last week and due to unforeseen circumstances, my Friday letter was not ready to send.

We are very busy settling in and trying to get back to the 'old normal' as much as possible. The children have been amazing and so far have settled straight down to their work. We have lots of happy smiling faces, which is a delight to see.

#### Buildings and Maintenance

Over the summer, we had some work done to the Infant building, a new ventilation system was installed into the two Year 2 classrooms. I am sure this will make a big difference to the children and staff of those classes.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Mr Ray Cawley retired from his position as school caretaker. He will be greatly missed by the pupils and staff and we wish him well in his retirement. He will be returning periodically to help out the school – he can't get rid of us that easily!

Our new caretaker is Mr Kevin Cafferty and we are looking forward to working together with him.

As you may be aware, St. Ann's is one of the 50 schools who have been chosen by the DfE to receive funding to improve the school buildings. This is a very exciting prospect for us, we have not been informed, as yet, what the project will entail but it could mean a partial refurbishment of a building, extensions to the original buildings or a whole new school build. I will inform you of any further information as soon as we receive it. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school family and for future pupils.

#### School Social Worker

I am pleased to announce that we have employed a school social worker, who will be in school every Tuesday and Wednesday. Samantha Flatters is a Caritas social worker and does not work for Trafford LA. She will be offering lots of services which we will update you with as we go along.

#### Microsoft TEAMS

As you will probably agree, Microsoft Teams was an invaluable tool during the last year. We will continue to use it as a way for class teachers to communicate with parents. We are currently in the

process of setting up all of the children in their new Year groups. As soon as this has been finalised, we will let you know.

### Sacramental Programme

A reminder for those parents whose children are taking part in the Sacramental Programme - the next TEAMS meeting session will take place on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm**. If you need help accessing your child's TEAMS account please let Mrs Whittaker know as soon as possible.

### Dropping off siblings during isolation

We are aware that there are some families who have a child who is isolating due to a positive PCR test. This may then pose difficulties in arranging pick up and drop off for siblings in the family. If this is the case, please let us know and we will do our utmost to help.

### A time for celebration

On Friday, the KS2 children went to celebrate mass at St. Ann's Church. It has been so long since we were able to go to church to celebrate together. It was a wonderful mass and another sign that we are returning to 'normal'. Thank you Fr. Ged for celebrating with us, to Mrs McGarry for organising the mass and to Mrs Lucas and the small choir for the beautiful singing.



Thanks you for your continued support,

Mrs Noctor