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Dear Parents / Carers,

COVID-19 School Update

I hope everyone remains safe and well and that you have managed to enjoy the Easter break whilst following the Government directive to stay at home. As the school closure continues at least for the foreseeable future, I thought I would write to you and update you on a number of developments.

School Closure/ Educational Provision

We are continuing to provide care for our children of key workers and those that are vulnerable. If you are a critical worker or parent of a vulnerable child and you find that you need a place for your child in school, please email the school office at admin@st-annes-denton.tameside.sch.uk
We will endeavour to respond to any communications as swiftly as possible, but please bear with us if it takes a little while.

Further information is available from the DfE regarding educational provision via the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Home Learning

We hope that the activities posted daily on ClassDojo have been useful and the children are enjoying this new way of learning! Daily activities will resume on Monday 20th April and I would also like to remind parents of the 'Home learning' page on our website. This will signpost you to lots of useful websites for learning at home.

We understand that learning from home can be challenging and whilst we encourage parents to complete these activities with the children, we also recognise that there may be some days where this just isn't possible. Please be assured that we are aware of the difficulties and the most important thing is that your child is happy and occupied. Completing practical activities and learning new skills is still learning!

Free School Meals

The Government has introduced a voucher scheme which all entitled families have been notified about via Parentmail. This is a Government scheme and you can access responses to frequently asked questions via the following link:

https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE_FreeSchoolMeals_ParentCarerFAQs.pdf

Please be aware that this is a new scheme and we have been notified that there are a number of teething issues. We would therefore ask for your patience during the first few weeks of operation.

Emotional Wellbeing and Safeguarding

The current situation is a huge test of our resilience. It is important for us all to acknowledge that the longer we are out of our normal routine and separated from family and friends the greater the impact will be upon our emotional wellbeing. There is lots of information and support available and I would direct you to our own website:

www.st-annes-denton.tameside.sch.uk

As you know, the school has designated safeguarding leads and should you require any support please email the school office.

During this extended period at home, I would recommend that you are extra vigilant around your child's use of social media and the internet. We recommend consulting the National Online Safety Centre, where you will find lots of advice that is both up to date and easy to understand

(<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>).

Finally

I would like to thank all of the St Anne's community during this difficult time. The role of parent/carer has become much more complex and as the lockdown continues and the weather improves, our children are undoubtedly going to become more frustrated and keen to make personal contact with their friends. However, it is vital that we all stay strong and continue to keep our children and families safe.

On behalf of the school staff and governors we are incredibly grateful for your continued support. As you will appreciate, we are doing our very best to help all of our families and you have my assurance that this will continue in the weeks ahead!

Yours Sincerely

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