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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 School Update

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Thank you to all the children for participating in the wellbeing activities last week. It is vital that we continue to look after both ourselves and each other! Please use the links on our website to support the mental health and wellbeing of your child.

Safer Internet Day

Today is safer internet day. With children spending more time alone and using the internet more frequently, it is crucial that they understand how to use it safely. Teachers will be setting activities to help children learn about potential hazards and gain a greater understanding around staying safe online.

Remote Learning

At this point in every term, children are beginning to get tired and need a break. You may find that their attention is poor and it could take a lot more effort to motivate them. This is completely normal! Just encourage them as much as possible and sign up to the live teaching sessions where teachers will explain tasks and provide the motivation necessary to complete learning. It has been a long term but we know you are doing a great job to support your children in home schooling.

Benefits Related Free School Meals

A link to access the 'Free school meal vouchers' will be available to those eligible for the half term holiday. The links will be shared by the end of the week. Please contact the admin email address if there are any problems.

February Half Term

School will close to all pupils this Friday 12 February for the half term holiday. Remote education will resume on Monday 22 February. I will update parents about the possible full reopening of school on 8 March at the earliest opportunity but currently I have no new information on the Governments plans for the easing of restrictions.

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Contact Tracing

If your child is attending school during the closure period, it is important that you inform school of any Covid-19 positive cases during the half term holiday.

This means that we may potentially have to contact families if there has been a positive case in their child's bubble prior to the end of half term. I have implemented the following procedures, which we ask parents to follow if their child displays symptoms and has a test.

- a) If a child develops the symptoms from Monday 15 February, you should not contact school and contact NHS Track and Trace.
- b) If a child displays symptoms of Covid-19, within 48 hours of being at school you should arrange a test and contact school via the dedicated email address (admin@st-annes-denton.tameside.sch.uk).
- c) Once you get the test results, please contact school via the dedicated email system.
- d) Emails will be checked daily
- e) If we are told of a positive test (*a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school*) I will contact the bubble via parentmail or text.

It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure that the child self- isolates for the period notified. Please be aware that we will only be responding to emails notifying of a Covid-19 positive case during the holidays. For all other queries, school will reopen as normal on Monday 22 February.

Finally

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support this half term. It has been extremely difficult for everyone and I sincerely hope that all children will be able to return to school in early March.

Yours sincerely

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