



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

25th January, 2021

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE : LETTER FROM HEADTEACHER

As we start week 4 of Lockdown, I think most, if not all of us as parents felt the strain last week. I had several conversations with frazzled and worried parents worried that their child wasn't motivated or coping with the work. Indeed, my own child has been set a lot of work from her own school and as a family we have struggled to keep up with it. Balancing my own role, my child's school work, the constant rumours about when schools will or won't open and generally surviving a pandemic, we as a family felt the strain as remote learning becomes a reality not a novelty.

Life is difficult at the moment. The nights draw in quickly, the constant cold and wet seem a million miles from the sunny days of lockdown 1. (However, snow is bringing fun to children's faces!) Our mental health is taking a battering without being able to see family or friends and a lot of our support networks have disappeared. St Anne's is here to try and support you as much as we can.

My main reason for writing this morning is to say a huge well done! Whatever your personal circumstances, we think you are doing a brilliant job of supporting your child in remote education. It is likely your child may be going to bed a bit later, getting up a bit later, watching too much TV or playing the Xbox more and not finishing all of the schoolwork that is assigned. However, that is all ok! We know our pupils are safe, loved and cared for and that is the most important thing at the moment. At St Anne's we have high expectations and we've set a lot of work each day. All we ask is that you do your best. If your best is 30 minutes of reading, writing or times tables on given days ... that's ok. If you have done all the work we set - that's ok too. Positive learning experiences, family time and well-being by walking or getting outside is the most important thing. The point is please do not let school work put any extra pressure on you when you are all trying to hold down jobs, earn a living and keep your children safe. Everyone's circumstances are different and we appreciate that. When schools return (whenever that may be), we want happy children to return (as they did in September 2020). No child will be behind, no child will be ahead and we are confident that our school will ensure that children will be on 'the right track'.

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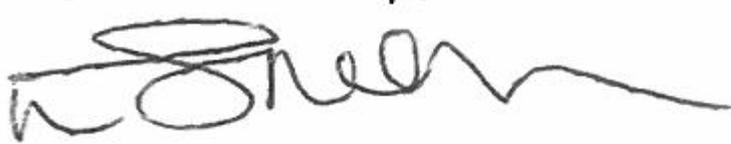


We are also aware that pressure to use electronic devices in homes is huge, but we do not expect a child to be on a device all day. We do have a number of laptops that can be loaned out to support pupils. We also have a printer that can be gifted out too. These are available first-come-first served and if you think you could benefit from this please contact the school office.

Finally, we may be 'closed' to most pupils but we are still here for all our families. If you need support or even a chat we are here.

Take care, keep safe and remember that you are all doing an amazing job.

Kind regards



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