

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Living and working as Jesus taught us

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Final Half term of the 2019-2020 Academic Year

A big welcome to all our school community for the last half term of this academic year. While this is an extremely strange and testing time we find ourselves in, we have to remember to stay positive and safe and focus on our families and indeed ourselves. We all miss you and all our staff enjoy catching up with what everyone is doing at home: either through a quick phone call or our virtual learning platform 'Seesaw'. All of our families and children are amazing and you are doing a fantastic job at home in many ways and we thank you for that.

I know that you will be unsure about everything at the minute and I will do my best to explain what is currently happening at school and what we hope will take place in the weeks to follow. Currently at school, we are providing essential childcare for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. Numbers have steadily increased this week and we sent out a message on Wednesday to gauge how many more children we could expect before the end of the summer term (children of key workers). The deadline for this was today. This will enable us to know exactly how we **may** proceed with a wider offering to the year groups mentioned by the Government on 10th May and how we could **possibly** accommodate this safely on our site. It must be noted that this is not just a 'straight-forward' process; various risk assessments, policies and health and safety checks have had to be adopted, consulted on and approval sought by various bodies - **we are still at this stage** and I will share more information with everyone next week.

Childcare

A typical day in our childcare setting is arriving at 8:40am and finishing at 3:10pm. The children complete the same activities on their learning platform as they would at home, set by their teacher. It is vastly different to school since our children left it in March, and we assist the children as much as possible while adhering to social distancing measures. Children are encouraged to be independent and siblings who attend together help each other out. We adhere to the social distancing rule of 2 metres and we constantly remind our children to do this too.

After the message delivered by the Prime Minister this week, we are extremely disappointed that we will not see some of our children 'face to face' from particular year groups until possibly September, but we do understand why this decision was made. In the weeks to follow, we will be sharing information about who your child's class teachers will be next year, what class your child will be in and your child will be able to virtually meet staff in some respect. We will also be welcoming new children and families to join us in September and we will be sharing lots of information with our new reception cohort in June and July. Again, like with our other year groups, we will be aiming to meet our new families virtually for our new reception classes and nursery. I am sure that when we do meet our new children and families our whole school community will make them all extremely welcome.



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I know there are other questions you may have currently and we may not have the answers but our school will endeavour to address these in the coming days and weeks. We are also aiming to add to what we provide for our children and engage them in different ways over the coming weeks.

Thank you again for your patience, co-operation and understanding at this time and I will update you all again next week with how our school will move forward.

Yours sincerely,

L Anderson

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Head Teacher

