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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families have had a wonderful Christmas break and your child is looking forward to resuming their education at St Anne's in the new year.

Following the recent communication from the Department of Education on teaching and learning in the classroom, I wanted to reassure and remind parents and pupils of the high standards and expectations at St Anne's, to ensure minimal disruption to your child's learning.

As students return to the classroom, we would like to ask for your continued support to ensure that our students are able to stay in face-to-face learning. The school staff will be encouraging the students to wear their face masks around school and in their lessons, and would like parents to ensure that their child tests themselves for COVID-19 twice a week as recommended by the UK government and more frequently if they are specifically asked to do so. This way, we can should be able to identify individuals who have the virus but are not showing symptoms and stop them from passing it on to others. We know that some students have missed a lot of time in school since the pandemic started, and that there is no substitute for face-to-face learning. Keeping students in the classroom in the coming months is therefore our priority at St Anne's, both for their immediate and longer-term wellbeing.

We will continue to provide good quality teaching in the classroom; therefore, it is important that your child has full attendance where possible. If your child is unable to attend school, due to Covid, but is well enough to access their learning, they should follow their timetable for the day(s) absent from school.

At St Anne's we expect your child:

- To follow their school timetable for all five lessons
- To work to the best of their ability
- To submit work requested by their teachers
- To attend any offered live lessons and follow the schools' expectations for behaviour

For each of their timetabled lessons, resources and work can be accessed via Class Charts. If you or your child cannot access Class charts, then let us know immediately to help with this.

The role of parents is critical during this time, and you can support your child by;

- Providing a quiet space for your child to work
- Checking the work that your child completes throughout the day
- Ensuring your child is ready to start learning at the start of the school day

If this changes over the next few weeks, I will write to you again to let you know. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school.  
As always, thank you for your continued support

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