

June 17th June

I write the following as a quick update before my usual July newsletter update.

Parent Information Evening on Thursday 9th June.

Firstly, a massive thank you for those parents that attended the meeting. I was pleased to see that the number of parents in attendance was at least double from the similar meeting that I had in September. It provided me with the opportunity to share our strategy and to allow parents to ask questions. I will give a more detailed overview in the July newsletter, but I want to reiterate a simple but key message. This message is one of **parental support**. I understand and acknowledge some of the frustrations of parents, one of which is the quality of supply staff in the school. As I said in the evening, the leadership of the school are working very hard to recruit at least good teachers so that your child gets at least a good education. In essence, this is what your children deserve. Over the past year, and indeed on the night, I spoke to many parents, and it is obvious that we want the same thing, and that is for St Anne's to become a good school. I received the following e-mail from a parent after the meeting that I would like to share with you. I have spoken to the parent who was more than happy for me to share. I copy the email in its entirety, except I have removed the name.

"Dear Mr Logue

Having attended tonight's parents meeting I just wanted to assure you that you have mine and my wife's full cooperation. We believe in the job that yourself and your leadership are doing and firmly believe that St Annes is on the right track.

Thank you for your hard work".

It is always nice to receive feedback, more so from parents. I assure you that Mrs Critchlow, all leaders, teachers, and support staff are working really hard to make St Anne's at least good and there have been some massive strides forward this year. I ask that parents support the school in a positive manner. As I said several times during the meeting, it is YOUR school.

Anti-Social Behaviour in the local community

St Anne's vision is to become an outstanding Catholic school and one in which the local community can be proud of. Our SACRED values must be at the heart of St Anne's. One of those values is **respect**. This is core to our mission and our school improvement journey. Over the past few weeks, I have had numerous local residents complaining about anti-social behaviour by some of our pupils. Frankly, this is not acceptable. Secondly, it looks bad on the vast majority of our pupils, who wear the St Anne's uniform with great pride. If any pupil is identified partaking in anti-social behaviour off the premises I have the authority to sanction, including suspension from school. I ask that you speak to your children regarding the importance of respecting the local residents who live in streets near the school.

I am looking forward to the next few weeks in St Anne's. A July newsletter will follow in due course.

As always, thanks for your support.

Mr Logue

Executive Headteacher