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Dear Parents,

Good morning to you all.

I wanted to keep in touch with you to let you know where we are up to with plans and developments. I appreciate thus far for your patience and understanding in this tricky and somewhat changeable landscape.

From Sunday's announcement, the year groups that have been suggested that can return to school are EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6. I want to make it clear that it has not been clarified what this will look like and how this can work. A lot is changing day by day and therefore, I do not want to commit to anything until at the earliest next Monday. By then I hope to have made a first decision and share with you about what and how this might look like for St. Anne's for the time being. Again, flexibility will be needed as I will always want to adapt plans to meet the needs of the children as a priority at all points.

In the meantime however, I need to prepare as much as possible for the possibility of some year groups returning to school. Our priority has always been and continues to be the well-being and safety of children, families and staff. Therefore, as a starting point, I am asking the teachers of these year groups to contact you over the next week to find out how your child is, how they have coped with the lockdown and if you are thinking of your child returning. Let me be clear though that there is no pressure at all to give an answer and you may want to know more information before making a decision. I have asked the staff to do this so that we can be as fully prepared as possible to meet the needs of the community on return and have all the right structures in place.

The teachers are purely focusing on your child during that conversation and they will not have all the answers to your questions. In the meantime, I am continuing to collate as many questions and answers that you will naturally have about a possible return. I have written them rooted in the fact that I am an educator, but also a mother of two young children, one of whom is also a reception aged child. It is also based on government guidance and Xavier Heads consultations at all times.

I want to reassure you all that we are dealing with what we know at each point every day, and I ask that we continue to pray for one another that we have the strength to continue for the sake of our community and our precious children.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Murphy".

Mrs Murphy



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