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Dear Parents

As we begin our second week back for some pupils and welcome back reception children, I thought it important to keep you updated on developments. As of Friday, we had 105 pupils in school.

You will have received a letter on Friday from Ani Magill, our CEO, outlining the challenges we are facing.

As I have always said, I will continue to be transparent with you about our plans and the reasoning behind them. We are always led by Government guidance with safety and well-being for all, a priority, as always.

I spent a lot of time last week, carefully observing how the day ran for children and staff as more pupils of key workers joined us.

Mrs Rainbow and I spent several days updating bubble lists and ensuring safety constraints for staffing - not an easy task, as I am sure you can imagine. We are now at full capacity in the bubbles in Years 6, 4 and 3 so regrettably, we can no longer take any more pupils in these year groups.

It is highly unlikely we will have the capacity to welcome back pupils in any other year group for the foreseeable future. I am very aware that many families will be disappointed to hear this news but I hope you appreciate my predicament that at present I have no other choice.

What I am battling with is that the media continually states that EYFS, 1 and 6 are being welcomed back to schools. The reality is that most schools are unable to do this unless we no longer abide by the rules and keep to a maximum of 15 pupils in a bubble.

I am also extremely mindful of the importance for Year 6 pupils to have the opportunity to say goodbye. In view of this, we will be in contact over the next few weeks to share ideas and plans to ensure these pupils get a chance to say a proper farewell to their friends and teachers at St Anne's.

### **Home Learning**

Mrs Rainbow and Miss Bisset are overseeing provision for home learning to ensure that this remains rigorous, challenging and enjoyable for the children. I will be meeting with them on a weekly basis to ensure that this is working at its best for all pupils.

St Anne's has a very hardworking and conscientious team of staff and we will always strive to ensure that the children get the best possible curriculum.

Once again, I reiterate Ms Magill's email in saying that I understand you will be disappointed. In these unprecedented times I will endeavour to share information with you when I hear it. If guidance changes, you will be informed and decisions made accordingly.

With very best wishes to you all and for a healthy week ahead.

God Bless



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Acting Head Teacher



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