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Dear Parents,

Firstly I wanted to say a huge thank you and well done. A lot of what was thrown in all our direction on Monday night came as a huge surprise. In school we are managing to get on top of things and those parents I spoke to briefly, at the 'drive by', yesterday, seem to be doing all they can. That is all we can ask of each other – we will get through this, again.

The 'drive by' yesterday was a real success. Parents were not waiting too long to collect their children's bits and there were not many packs left over. However, if you did not manage to pick your pack up or you get going next week and bits are missing then please contact or visit the office. These packs are essential because some year groups have specific books they will need to see, plus whiteboards and pens for sessions.

Talking with Mrs Murphy and the team lots of progress, since the last lockdown, has been made in regards to remote learning and feedback from 3 Monet's bubble closure was really positive. We are however intending to take remote learning another step from next week. From Monday we intend to move to live Zoom lessons for English and Maths. The afternoon sessions will continue to be set by the teacher but these will be independent activities, not on Zoom. The reason for this is to allow teachers time to provide additional small group sessions (to commence on week beginning 18th January) and review Seesaw content ready for the next lesson. Hence, the Remote Learning booklet has been updated and has all the information you require for next week's sessions. Please find it attached.

Although we are constantly reviewing and improving things, and will continue to do so, there will be teething problems and we need to ask for your patience. Unfortunately, when we all trained to be teachers we were not provided with additional sessions on Remote Learning so we along with the rest of the country are doing our best to get up to speed and trying to provide the best we possibly can in the circumstances we find ourselves in. So your patience and that of your children will be really appreciated. In addition, if you find yourselves having technical difficulties or there are not enough devices in one household then please do let us know because we should be able to help.

Also from next week we will be finishing the school day at **1pm** on a Friday. This goes for those in school and at home. This is a Xavier-wide decision because it allows for time for schools to deep clean the premises and offers teachers their planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA).

Just as before and as the situation continues, one of our main concerns are for those children and families who will be very vulnerable at this time. This could be for a number of reasons, and we would urge you to keep in touch so that we can do everything we can to provide support. If you feel that you, your child or someone else in our community is vulnerable, now or in the future, then please do get in touch. This can be done via the office or directly by email to Mrs Simpson (lsimpson@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk) or in an emergency please use emergency@xaviercet.org.uk, it will be constantly monitored.

Finally, I want to thank our staff. Everyone, like most critical workers, at the moment are being asked to do more and more, despite what you read in the press, and our staff have again stepped up. I was overwhelmed yesterday at the drive by the appreciation parents showed and I just want to extend that to all our staff at St Anne's.

Keep praying for one another especially for those suffering through illness, loneliness or financial hardship and those separated from their loved ones.

Take care and God bless



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