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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Information regarding school closure

The Prime Minister has just announced a national lockdown meaning the closure of schools. I have made the decision to fully close school tomorrow Tuesday 5th January 2020. This will allow me to organise remote learning and the childcare provision for critical key worker children. Remote learning will be provided for all children from Wednesday 6th January 2021, including 2 live sessions daily. In addition, school will continue to be open to a small group of identified pupils and those where **both parents are critical key workers** from Wednesday 6th January 2021.

First and foremost, you must take serious note of the advice to protect your children. The government is clear on who is classed as a key worker but also states that if it is at all possible for children to be at home they should be.

Critical workers are parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response, including those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors.

We continue to expect that, if there is an adult or parent who is not in employment or who is able to work from home, that your children stay at home to minimise the risk of infection to others and ensure that those pupils and families most in need of this provision can access it. Whilst we recognise the hardship this may cause for some families this is about minimising the risk of infection and cross contamination for everyone.

You will be contacted by school directly tomorrow morning if your child accessed the St Anne's Childcare Provision during the first lockdown. If your situation has changed, or you are a new family to St Anne's, and you feel you are eligible for critical key worker provision please email covid@st-annes-audenshaw.tameside.sch.uk. providing details. Proof of your 'critical key worker' status will be required.

The childcare provision will operate between 8:45am and 3:00pm with a skeleton staff, with all other staff facilitating online learning for each class.

The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in education settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be-our care provision is an absolute last resort!

We have a duty of care and responsibility to our staff, we must also consider how we can provide skeleton staffing so as to reduce the risk of any virus spreading within our staff body, especially as they are vital to the success of any ongoing childcare provision offered by us.

The staff we have available will be working on a rota and this may change depending on the fitness to work of our staff. We will regularly review our provision and capacity restrictions and will keep you updated throughout.

Thank you for your continued support at this time.

Yours Sincerely

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A Duffy
Headteacher