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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you will no doubt be aware, the Department of Education has made the decision to close all schools from the end of the school day on Friday 20th March in an effort to reduce the spread of the coronavirus Covid-19. As previously notified, St Anne's will remain closed for School Development Days on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March. This is a period of unprecedented anxiety and uncertainty in our communities. As such, we cannot give any indication of when our school will reopen.

To mitigate for the anticipated long term closure, and to support our parents, St Anne's staff have been working hard over the past week to plan home schooling activities for our pupils. Not only will this work help the children maintain their academic progress, it will also provide vital daily structure for children in these uncertain times.

It is a parental responsibility to guide children when completing home schooling activities and to mark their work. For understandable reasons, we will not request home schooling work to be submitted to teachers when school reopens. Please see points below on how St Anne's will support parents in the home schooling of their children:

- Our teachers will communicate with you through the new 'Home Learning' webpage (found under 'Parents') on our school website: www.stannespriorkey.com. You will be asked for a password. The password will be sent to all parents by text message. After entering the password, you will see the list of classes from P1 to P7. Please click on your child's class to access appropriate teacher communication.
- Teachers will provide a breakdown of tasks for each class for the day through the 'Home Learning' webpage. It is anticipated that this will happen each morning, however, considering personal circumstances for teachers, this may not always be possible.
- Home Learning packs have been distributed. Any parents who have not yet collected their pack may do so on Friday 20th March from 9am until 11 am. Online Home Learning facilities will supplement these packs; details of these will be shared via our 'Home Learning' webpage. Further home learning packs will be collated for younger pupils; details on this will follow through the 'Home Learning' webpage.

- Tasks set by teachers via 'Home Learning' webpage will also have guidance on key teaching points. Parents will be signposted to resources.
- P5, P6 and P7 children will get many of their resources through 'Microsoft Teams'. A sheet on how to access Teams will be uploaded to the 'Home Learning' webpage.
- Website links to further support children's learning will be added to the St Anne's 'Home Learning' webpage.
- Home access to Accelerated Reader will be made available to P4 to P7 pupils. Further details will be placed on the 'Home Learning' webpage.

Any further updates on this constantly evolving situation will be made through our school website or by text message. In the meantime, please look after yourself, your families and others in your community who will need support at this challenging time.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Duffin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Henry Duffin (Principal)