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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and your family are coping well with the ongoing challenges presented by the Covid pandemic. We hope and pray that the vaccine is rolled out swiftly, enabling us to return to life with all the social interactions, including school, which we miss so much.

A challenge all parents face daily is Home Schooling. St Anne's teachers are greatly impressed by how well their pupils have engaged in the daily tasks they set and the incredible level of support being given by parents, often in the most challenging of circumstances. This support is evident in the standard of work being regularly returned to teachers. Your children will reap the benefits of your attention to their education and wellbeing.

To facilitate Remote Learning for the two weeks between mid-term and 8th March, work packs have been prepared for all classes. A very important addition to these work packs is the PTA Wellbeing Resource Kit. St Anne's PTA have been working hard behind the scenes over the past number of weeks to develop activities and resources which will support the children's physical and mental wellbeing during this lockdown. I'm sure you will agree that any activity which promotes physical and mental health at this time is to be welcomed. On behalf of staff, pupils and parents, I extend our gratitude to St Anne's PTA for driving this fantastic initiative forward. To find out more you will have to collect your pack- it will be worth it!

Packs will be available for collection from the Sports Hall on Friday 12th February at the following times:

- P1 and P2: 1pm to 1.30pm
- P3 and P4: 1.30pm to 2.00pm
- P5 and P6: 2.00pm to 2.30pm
- P7: 2.30pm to 3.00pm

There will be a pack for every child in the school, so please ensure you make arrangements to collect your child's pack at the time above. Please contact Mr Duffin by email (hduffin422@c2kni.net) if you cannot collect your pack at the arranged time. If you have children in multiple classes, please collect all your packs at the later time. We don't want anyone to miss out!

A link to our Remote Learning Survey has been added to the home page of our school website, please take a few minutes to complete it. A password has been texted to the main contact mobile number for each pupil. The survey will be live until 6pm on Thursday 19th February. The results will inform us how to develop our remote learning support to best meet the needs of all St Anne's pupils. Please contact Mr Duffin by email if you did not receive a password.

I am hopeful of a return to school on 8th March, as per the Minister of Education's most recent statement, though what that return will look like is anyone's guess. We will provide an update on the Return to School as soon as we receive it.

Remote learning will finish with a half day on 12th February, resuming on 22nd February. We hope you all have the chance to relax and recharge the batteries over the mid-term break.

Best regards,

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

Henry Duffin (Principal)