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Dear Parents,

Again, we hope that this update finds everyone safe and well.

We hope that the children enjoyed their Zoom transition meetings last week. The teachers are now in the process of meeting the children who are currently attending school to help them have answers to any of their questions about the next academic year.

Annual reports

School has sent home reports today with the children in Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and the keyworker children. All reports will be sent together with the eldest sibling. If children are not attending school then the reports should be in today's postal delivery or they may have been hand delivered to families who live in close proximity to school. These reports and the Assertive Mentoring Targets will also be a good starting point for their teachers in September. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the office to make an appointment for a telephone conversation.

End of Term

School will close to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils at the times each bubble currently finishes their school day on Thursday 16th July and to keyworker and vulnerable children on Friday 17th July.

September re-opening

Last week, the government issued guidance about the return to school in September. We have no doubt that you will have many questions about school re-opening for all children. We are currently working through this documentation and guidance. We will send out further information before the end of term informing parents and carers of the arrangements for the return to school for all children from September 2020. What we do know so far is that it will not be a return to a 'normal' St Andrew's CE Primary School...yet. The hygiene and cleaning protocols will need to continue and there may be some changes to the timings of our school day to yet again accommodate for staggered start and finish times that government are insisting on to minimise further risks of infection. Sadly, we will not be able to have assemblies, whole school events when parents and families are able to come in to school – but we are thinking of creative solutions to find ways around that. With all of the above, we are planning for all children to return, but are also taking into consideration the likelihood of yet further lockdown requirements. Should this happen over the summer break, we will again let you know as soon as possible via email, our website and through notifications on Facebook. Please bear with us as we finalise plans considering all the



guidance from the government, Public Health England, Manchester Diocese and Bolton Council.

Lost learning

Teachers are in the process of preparing some *Summer Home Learning* booklets which could help support some of the lost learning from this term and help our children with their return to school in mind. The children who are currently attending school will bring these, and those for their siblings, home with them. For those not currently attending school, they are available to collection from Wednesday 15th July from the Main Entrance.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could not only collect these from school but also encourage your child(ren) to complete the activities and bring their booklets in to school on their return in September, when their teachers will assess this work to help plan for the term ahead.

The staff are also in the process of evaluating the learning which has been lost since the COVID 19 lockdown, to also help to plan for the first half of Autumn Term, especially with regard to key skills in English and Maths. Again, the summer home learning booklets will help the teachers in this evaluation on the children's return. A large part of the Autumn Term will also include lessons to support the children's transition back into school and help further develop a positive mental and emotional well-being alongside what they already learnt and use with regard to Growth Mindset.

As you are already aware, we have altered our term dates to facilitate an earlier return to school when we will open for children from Year 1 to Year 6 on Wednesday 2nd September. The first two days will be spent with their current class teacher and on Friday 4th September they will have their first full day with their class teacher for the 2020-2021 academic year – there are no plans to alter the teaching staff allocation. Reception class 2020 will join us from Monday 7th September in a phased transition into school in their first week.

Many thanks again for your continued patience, understanding and support as we continue our journey through such challenging times.

God bless and please take good care, stay safe and stay well.

Simon Charnock
Head teacher

