

ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I'd like to thank you for your continued support and co-operation as we all get used to, once again, a 'new normal'. It has been great to see the engagement in our online lessons and we hope your child has enjoyed being with their class – albeit online!

We are finding our feet with our zoom lessons and the teachers are working tirelessly to figure out what lessons work well/ don't work so well, so we appreciate your support and understanding. Unforeseen events will take place and sometimes lessons will have to be postponed or cancelled so apologies in advance if this occurs but sometimes it just can't be helped.

Teachers are finding that the work coming in from home is fantastic, but quite overwhelming in terms of the amount of work that is sent to them. It's great to see such lovely work but we have had to find a way to reduce the workload of our teaching staff as this has doubled over the past 2 weeks due to the teachers teaching children at home and also in school. Staff well-being is so important to us here at St. Anne's and it is essential that we bare this in mind as we navigate our way through this pandemic.

We have now agreed that the following compromises be made. Please read these carefully as they will affect what you send to your class teacher via dojo and how you communicate with your class teacher.

- All correspondence to class teachers should be via *email only*, *not through Class Dojo*. Emails will be looked at between the hours of 8:30am and 4pm on weekdays only. Teachers will endeavour to respond within 24hrs.
- Work submitted will be acknowledged within 24hrs in most instances.
- Please do not send anything other than work set for the three main sessions by the class teacher.

- If answer sheets are included, please mark the work with the child at home. Do not send a copy of this work to your child's class teacher.

- If work is marked or has received feedback as part of the online session, please do not send a copy to the class teacher.

- Not all submitted work will be commented upon, only if the class teacher feels it necessary.

- Sometimes, TA's in the class will mark and comment on the work. It won't always be the class teacher.

- Please share children's work through the Class Dojo 'portfolio' system-NOT via personal messages on Class Dojo. Instructions to do so can be found <u>HERE</u>

- Year 6 to share work via the <u>year6@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk</u> email address.

- The Class Dojo platform is to share work only- please DO NOT message your child's class teacher through Class Dojo, it will not be responded to. All messages are now to be sent via e-mail.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in this matter. Together we will get through this, together we are St. Anne's and together we will always put 'Christ at the Heart of all we do.'

Stay safe and stay home.

Best Regards

N. Ferguson