



## St. Anne's Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In light of the current situation regarding the Coronavirus Covid -19 pandemic, and having consulted St Anne's Board of Governors, I have decided to change the dates for planned School Development Days which you will see on your holiday list as holidays. This is an action staff, governors and I feel is necessary in the absence of appropriate direction on the issue from our leaders. As evidenced by our attendance figures being less than half of our enrolment today, many parents are concerned and are deciding to keep their children at home.

**St Anne's will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, previously notified as holidays for pupils, will now be teaching days where all pupils will be expected to attend. In the interim, should a decision be made by the Department of Education to close all schools on any of the above dates, St Anne's will remain closed for the period of time directed and our holiday list will revert to what was previously shared with you.

We anticipate that this short period of closure will develop into a longer period of closure directed by the Department of Education. Changing our SD dates to close the school this week will allow teachers time to plan for off-site learning in the event of an extended period of closure and will extend the period of social distancing being prioritised by many medical and health organisations around the world. Home learning packs have been distributed today; any parents whose children did not attend today may collect their packs from the school on any of the SD days listed above.

I apologise for the inconvenience and short notice on this decision, but trust you understand that it is made with the best interests of our children at heart. Further updates and information will be shared by text and on our school website. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you wish to discuss this matter with me.

Kind regards,

Henry Duffin (Principal)