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Dear Parent/Carer,

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☺ Good morning everyone in our school community - I very much hope that this newsletter finds you and yours well in these challenging times. This is just a wee email to you to keep you up to date on all things 'Annick'. As always, it is all about **communication** and this is particularly true these days as we all self-isolate and our horizons reduce. Indeed, we have been busy **calling** a number of our parents/carers and hearing how things are going in homes across our community. The general feeling is that, although unusual and challenging, families are pulling together and finding new ways of doing things. The twenty-odd families we spoke to are forming **routines**, keeping **active** as best they can, engaging with their **class's work programmes** and finding time for **creativity** and **fun**.

On the '**work programmes**' from teachers, could I recommend to all households that you engage in the set tasks and activities please? These are set to **consolidate** previous skills and knowledge and to **challenge** at the appropriate level. Also, as we try to judge how engaged our pupils are moving forward, please feel free to **interact with your class teacher** through the class Glow page - much of the conversation so far has been fabulous. Along with the work set by staff are a number of resources purchased by the school for further consolidation and challenge (e.g. Sumdog and Education City). I would thoroughly recommend you make use of these as well as a whole range of free sites and on-line fun activities (e.g. Joe Wicks)!

A number of our staff members have **volunteered** to look after our most vulnerable children and boys and girls who have parents/carers who are 'key-workers'. I'm sure you would wish me to thank all Annick staff for their work so far and over the next weeks and months - Annick is certainly blessed with an outstanding team of teachers, EYPs, classroom assistants and administrative staff. Many more staff desperately wanted to lend their support to this child-care exercise but were unable to do so due to their personal circumstances; the level of care and support across the school is admirable. **Thank you all!**

The local authority has now started the **delivery of meals** to those families entitled to free school meals and have applied for this provision. If you require this service then you can still apply here:

<https://forms.gle/14Z1dpcissPL3qt8>

Our **school campus** is now closed-up after the First Minister's announcement regarding building sites. This includes the building work on our new Early Years Centre/gym hall and the on-going work on the new electrics across the main school building. Of course, this essential withdrawal of labour will necessitate a delay in the completion of our new **EY Centre** - we'll just have to see how things develop here regarding the provision of 1140 hours for pre-school children next session. Watch this space!

I'll contact you all weekly as we move forward and I'll say a bit more about this next week, but we hope to have a '**physical & emotional well-being**' focus for the two weeks after the Easter Holiday; this is in line with our 'Health Fortnight' which we had planned to have at that time.

So, please keep well everyone. I'm away now for some torture with my grandson and Mr. J. Wicks! 😊

Best wishes,

Stuart Brown
Headteacher.

