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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware our Headteacher will be away from school for a couple of weeks to have some planned surgery. Mrs Thomas can be contacted if there are any urgent matters that your class teacher cannot assist with.

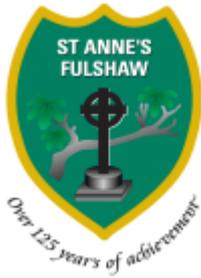
I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers in our St Anne's community. The pandemic continues to provide challenges alongside those of everyday life in difficult times. I also have such respect and am awe-struck by how hard our staff have worked. So much goes on behind the scenes, unseen by parents; they have all mucked in and worked to ensure that our children get the very best we can offer. I am in an honoured position to be able to see the sacrifices that our community has made to make this happen. I also hold, along with my fellow governors the responsibility to all in our community to ensure that all are safe and cared for in these challenging times. The wellbeing of our children and staff remain the highest priority for us.

Governors, along with the Senior Leadership Team, are accountable to authorities to ensure that we collectively follow those instructions and requirements set out to us by the Department of Education, Local Authority and Public Health Teams. To the best of my knowledge we have done this without deviation and checks are put in place to ensure this. It is not always easy for us or our communities, but I hope you can understand that our priority will always be the safeguarding and wellbeing of our children and staff.

Last half term, unfortunately, saw our school operating under Public Health Covid Outbreak Measures, and as governors we are very aware how difficult this has been for all of you and we thank you for helping our school by working together to do what was required. Our community really is stronger together and as we move towards the joys of Christmas I hope we do not have to resort to such measures again, however if asked, we will do what is needed, as I'm sure you all will do. We live in such uncertain times with the goalposts changing rapidly.

I have been a governor for nearly 10 years and whilst the challenges of finances and more increase, I have never known such strains on our schools and leaders. I am inspired by their determination and equally concerned how sustainable such a level





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of working can be going forward. I have also been disappointed at times by the powers that be; the lack of professional respect and lack of collaboration with the sector, as well as the poor performance of the LA SEND team. In that respect I do not, as a governor, feel our school and many across the county have been supported as they should. As governors we have oversight of all aspects of school life and it is not always an easy role to play, particularly as we are volunteers.

I hope and pray that all goes well for our Head these next couple of weeks and our whole school community too. Look after each other.

Yours

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