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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well and are coping as well as you can under the circumstances. It is so disappointing for us that schools will remain closed. However we must also hope that things will get better with the roll out of the vaccine and that we will in time return to a more normal living.

During this school closure we are continuing to work with the children through Google Classroom and Google Meet every day. The level of engagement is higher than the last lockdown and we thank you for that.

We are aware of the difficulties faced by families during the pandemic and we know that the online education is very challenging. We want to remind you that we do not expect you to be your child's substitute teacher. Please be realistic about your child's needs and your own needs.

As before we ask that you do the best you can. We do not want the schoolwork to be a cause of stress in your home and understand that at times it may be difficult to motivate the children.

Teachers assign and correct the work through Google Classroom and there is also a Google Meet once a day where the children can meet with their classmates and teacher. It would be great if you could encourage them as much as you can to attend these meetings. A sample timetable and further information, links to supports etc is available on the school website www.stthomas.ie

The main method of communication with the school is through the teacher. To date we are contacting parents on a weekly basis to see how things are going and to support you as best we can. You can also contact the teacher by e mail – their e mail addresses are on the website under the Home School Hub. You can also contact Lisa (HSCL) on 0830092792 and Mairead (secretary) on 0830237268. Please do make contact if you have any concerns.

Our Parent Teacher meetings will take place from 1st – 12th February. Teacher will contact you this week to organise a day and time that suits you both and also how they will take place. As the school is closed the meetings can only take place over the phone or through Google Meet whichever suits you best.

As ever thank you so much for your co-operation. We hope that you and all of your loved ones stay safe and well.

Kind Regards,

Eithne O Shea