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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well, and that you are looking forward to the re-opening of school – I know we are!

As we continue on our remote education journey it has been brought to our attention that using the 'chat' function in MS TEAMS could have potential safeguarding risks if the function is used inappropriately. We have also learned about new features within MS TEAMS that we would like to adopt which will help us to address parental and pupil feedback, as well as technical issues we have experienced with the 'chat' function. In the long run this will make the submission of work easier, and improve the teacher's ability to provide quality feedback on the children's work. We are excited to announce that our IT support is currently busy setting up our new and improved MS TEAMS classrooms. These new TEAMS will be used for homework and remote education in the event of future isolation periods due to positive covid cases. They will be launched shortly.

However, in order to address our immediate concerns around the use of the 'chat' function, for the remaining 3 days of remote education the 'chat' function will be disabled. In the meantime, children should submit their work via email. EYFS children are still able to submit work via Tapestry as usual. If the children need to ask their teacher for help with their work, they should do this either at the end of a live input or put a message in the 'Ask a Teacher' channel, which the teachers will set up.

The teachers will explain to the children tomorrow that the chat function is no longer in use and how to get help and submit their work.

The email inbox addresses are as follows:

<b>EYs</b>	<a href="mailto:sta.yearEYFS@three-saints.org.uk">sta.yearEYFS@three-saints.org.uk</a>
<b>Y1</b>	<a href="mailto:sta.year1@three-saints.org.uk">sta.year1@three-saints.org.uk</a>
<b>Y2</b>	<a href="mailto:sta.year2@three-saints.org.uk">sta.year2@three-saints.org.uk</a>
<b>Y3</b>	<a href="mailto:sta.year3@three-saints.org.uk">sta.year3@three-saints.org.uk</a>
<b>Y4</b>	<a href="mailto:sta.year4@three-saints.org.uk">sta.year4@three-saints.org.uk</a>
<b>Y5</b>	<a href="mailto:sta.year5@three-saints.org.uk">sta.year5@three-saints.org.uk</a>
<b>Y6</b>	<a href="mailto:sta.year6@three-saints.org.uk">sta.year6@three-saints.org.uk</a>

While we appreciate that this is an inconvenience during the final few days of remote education, it is important that we address our immediate safeguarding concerns.





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As a result of altering the way in which children submit their work, if it is necessary for children to submit their work after the deadline or on another day, that is absolutely fine. We understand that children may require adult assistance to submit their work temporarily.

As soon as our new TEAMS set up is in place, we will announce this via the newsletter and update you on the new and improved features.

Should you or your child require any support in using TEAMS, as always, please do not hesitate to contact school in the usual way.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Laura Rynn

Headteacher

