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Daily Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon everyone. We are continually challenged in our daily lives and this is very evident when our Key Worker parents drop off their children at school. Trying to go out to work, run a house, take on our children's worries and stay safe, is a big ask. I also appreciate those working from home whilst home school learning and looking after younger children, is not an easy feat either so please know we care about our families. Mrs Duke regularly makes weekly contact with some of our families, we answer concerned emails and I speak to families who need support. If you have a question, need to chat or share a worry, please get in touch by leaving a message on the school answer phone to call you back or email admin@st-bernadette.blackpool.sch.uk.

The Diocese have forwarded information from the Catholic Education Service, to all schools, providing the opportunity for staff and parents/carers to have a voice in the upcoming research sessions that have been planned over the next few weeks. The first slot of research began yesterday, **Tuesday 5th May 2020** (sorry, I have only just received this communication). The session will last for approximately 45 minutes and will be led by a Department for Education user researcher. If you would like to get involved please click on the link below.

[Register here https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yXfS-grGoU2187O4s0qC-a2JdDNJiLhAjBOERQLWT4RUQVWTEY3VFdMOFFYODdNMjgyNINZSTIKTy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yXfS-grGoU2187O4s0qC-a2JdDNJiLhAjBOERQLWT4RUQVWTEY3VFdMOFFYODdNMjgyNINZSTIKTy4u)

Daily DfE update: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

We have organised our Home Learning Page Learning page a little differently so it is easier to locate certain subjects and topic information for support.

As I have mentioned previously, please continue to pray for our school community as more and more people have sadly been directly affected by Covid-19. We are here to support you in any way we can so please do not to hesitate to contact the school.

Remember:

Where possible, children should be safely cared for at home. However, we understand that this may be difficult for some Key Workers. We are here to look after the children of our Key Workers who are critical to the Covid-19 response and vulnerable children who may need our support.

Please can you ensure that we have up to date details if your situation changes:

If you have indicated that you will need child care for your child on a particular day and then your situation changes, please inform us immediately, otherwise, in line with our safeguarding duties, you will receive a phone call from school.

Head Teacher: Mrs Alexis Satterthwaite



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- Is anyone in your household self – isolating?
- Do you no longer require childcare and have not informed the school?
- Are you due to or have you finished a period of self – isolation?
- Have you or members of your family been directly affected by Covid-19?
- Is it possible to alternate your work shift pattern, within the household, so that one parent/carer is able to care for your child?

Please correspond by email if any of the above applies to you and we will respond during the normal school hours.

A moment of reflection.....

“Father, I am seeking: I am hesitant and uncertain, but will you, O God, watch over each step of mine and guide me.”

St Augustine

God Bless – stay safe,
Alexis Satterthwaite
Head Teacher