



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Possible re-opening of St Bernadette's to more pupils

Dear Parents/Carers,

Although I am still unable to provide you with specific details, I want you to know that the staff and Governors are working hard to develop a plan towards a **possible safe** phased opening following government guidelines. Our decisions will be based on rigorous risk assessments that have our school community at the forefront.

I appreciate that this is a very unsettling time for us all and indeed parents have already conveyed their concerns to me. Following ongoing discussions with the DfE and the Authority, I will continue to update you as the situation progresses.

In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we are not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-forparents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

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:

Head Teacher: Mrs Alexis Satterthwaite



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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.

- 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.....

“Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much.”

‘St. Catherine of Siena

God Bless – stay safe,
Alexis Satterthwaite
Head Teacher