



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, you will be aware **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children, on Friday, until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, school staff, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

The government will publish more information on what this means, later on today, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories.

Please can you email the school if you consider yourself to be part of the Key Worker Sector **and have no care facility for your children.** We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

**Please indicate in the email, your name, the child's name, year group and your occupation.**

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

Please note that this is a national closure so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text and through our school website.

## What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

- We will be adding Learning Platforms to our school website today and we are also working on ideas to support your child at home.
- We will consider learning packs which can be collected
- If you do not have your child's Purple Mash login details, please contact the school office
- If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.
- Father Peter will send emails out to you - keeping our Faith alive

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family so I will endeavor to send you daily updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the school email

[admin@st-bernadette.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-bernadette.blackpool.sch.uk)

Thank you for all your messages of support. I will be in touch with more information as soon as possible

Blessings to you all

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