



# *St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Re: Coronavirus update – Daily Update**

We opened our doors today for those children of Key Workers who have no care facilities for their children. Whilst I appreciate that it is a very challenging time for families, I would ask you to be mindful of government guidelines, “**the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.**”

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

I appreciate that you all will be readjusting with your children at home with you during the day so hopefully the things we have put in place will help. It seems that **Purple Mash** crashed this morning, as the whole world is using it! Please be patient and use other platforms for learning until it is up and running.

- Staff will email children during the school hours of 9.00 am – 4.00 pm using the **Purple Mash** Learning platform.
- I will continue to email any correspondence regarding school life whether your child is in or out of school.
- If you have any concerns, please try to email the school rather than ring as we have limited staff in school.
- All the learning platforms are on the website – please logon to the website and then click on the learning banner which will then take you to the learning platforms.
- We will not be sending home learning packs as the logistics are too complicated, especially as we have skeleton staff in school - I will reconsider if situations change.
- Mrs. Duke has contacted all parents of children who are entitled to **Free School Meals (this does not count the children in reception/KS1 who do not pay for their lunches)** to organise distribution. Please email Mrs. Duke on [denise.duke@st-bernadette.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:denise.duke@st-bernadette.blackpool.sch.uk) if you have not been contacted.

### **What we'll continue doing while your child is in school**

- The children have settled into school life albeit a little different.
- Please can I ask you to only bring into school your child's water bottle (not their school bag, show and tell or other pieces of equipment) and ensure that their PE kit is in school.

Head Teacher: Mrs Alexis Satterthwaite



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- Please continue to use the side gate from the main road and the back gate, only, to enter and exit the school premises.

Once again, I urge you all to stay safe and look after each other. We will do all we can to keep our school open for the Key Workers of our community. Thank you again for the many messages of support. I will pass each and every one of them onto the staff.

***“Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.” – Pope Francis***

Sending prayers to you all

*Alexis Satterthwaite*

Headteacher