



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

'Doing our best for God'

Date: Thursday, 21 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to officially inform you that we have suspected case of COVID-19 that has an impact on your child's bubble – **Year 6**

The latest guidance issued to schools by Public Health England states -

"The Head Teacher or appropriate member of the leadership team at the educational setting will be asked to work with the contact tracer to identify direct and close contacts of the case during the 48 hours prior to the child or staff member falling ill. This is likely to be the classmates and teacher of that class. The social distancing measures put in place by educational settings outside the classroom should reduce the number of other direct/close contacts.

All direct and close contacts will be excluded from school and advised to self-isolate for 10 days starting from the day they were last in contact with the case.

Household members of contacts do not need to self-isolate "unless the contact develops symptoms."

This means that as advised by the Local Authority, we will be closing the class bubble and your **child will therefore need to self-isolate for 10 days up to and including the 28th January**. Your child does not need to get a Covid-19 test unless they develop symptoms (**fever/dry cough/loss of taste or smell**) and members of your household are not required to self-isolate. Any siblings in school, in other classes, do not need to isolate and are fine to attend school unless they develop symptoms. Please contact the school if your child falls ill whilst self-isolating.

If your child has not been in school during this National Lockdown, then this self-isolating information does not apply to you but please be aware that the Year 6 bubble is closed.

The full government guidance for contacts of people with confirmed Covid-19 infection who do not live with the person can be found via the following link: –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

We understand that you may have concerns so please take time to read the guidance and if you are still worried, please contact the school office – we are here to help. Please be rest assured that our school community is fine.

Stay safe,

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