



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

'Doing our best for God'

Date: Friday, 20 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to officially inform you that we have a positive case of COVID-19 that has an impact on your child's bubble – Year 1 and Year 5.

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 14 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 bubbles and your **child will therefore need to self-isolate (to return 2nd December)**. 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.

Your child will be set work on the 'Google Classroom' by your class teacher. **You also have 'Purple Mash' that you can access. If you do not feel confident with either of these on-line resources, your child also took home a pack, earlier in the term, with work that they can complete. They bring the completed set work back to school when they return.** 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>

Thank you for the many messages of support for our school community. We are very disappointed that we have had to close 2 bubbles and the affect this will have on our families, but we also acknowledge that we have been very lucky to have not had any bubbles being sent home before now. I want to reassure you all that our school community is fine.

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.

Stay safe,

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