



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

'Doing our best for God'

Date: Monday, 04 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school. I'm sure you will have heard about or read the speculation in the media around primary schools reopening this week. I know some of you may have concerns and I can only reassure you that we continue to follow the procedures in our comprehensive COVID risk assessment. Please make contact with the school if you are at all worried and we will do our best to support you. We are in constant contact with Public Health and the Local Authority and if we make any changes to the arrangements we have in school, I will inform you as soon as possible. We are working tirelessly to ensure our school is as safe as it can be in the current situation and thank you for your ongoing support. Please remember that the staggered start and finish times are an important part of our plan and ask that you keep to these times; we continue to ask you to set the example for the children so please **continue to wear a mask when you line up outside the gates and keep to the 2m distanced lines.**

Our school will remain open if it is safe to do so, please ensure that you monitor your children's health very carefully before sending them to school.

A reminder of the current guidelines:

- If your child or anyone in your family has any of the Covid-19 symptoms, you must all isolate and get a test immediately. Children should only return to school if the test result comes back negative.
- If you or a family member tests positive for Covid-19, all family members must isolate for 10 days - in both cases above, you must inform the school.
- If your child has any sickness or diarrhoea, they must stay at home for 48 hours (after the last episode) before returning to school.

We are still asking that any child with any of the lower threshold symptoms to be kept off school until they are feeling better:

- aches and pains
- sore throat
- headache
- a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers



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Obviously, we are always adhering to the most important symptoms of COVID-19:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

If you are unsure or concerned with regards to symptoms, please contact 119 for advice.

We know we are all in for a difficult time ahead but I am reassured that our school community is fully supportive and as long as we all do our part individually, St Bernadette's will continue to do their best in providing a safe place for our children to continue with their education.

Take care and stay safe,

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