



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

'Doing our best for God'

Date: Tuesday, 05 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great sadness that we find ourselves in the same position as last March. I can appreciate that the decision made last night, by the Government, for the safety of all will have presented many challenges for parents. I ask that you please be patient with us whilst we navigate this rapidly moving situation and not to phone the school office unless of an urgent nature until we have sent out all correspondence, today, regarding the procedures put in place.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have completed the Google form requesting a place in school for your child/children. A text message has gone out to confirm your place. This afternoon we will send out a further Google Form to you to request whether you would like your child to attend full or part time. Part-time would mean only certain day/s of the week not part of a day.

Procedures for those in school:

- The breakfast and afterschool club will still operate with the same procedures we have in place now in terms of times of pick up and drop off areas
- Staggered times for the school day will still apply and the usual areas used for drop-off and pick-up
- ParentPay should still be used to book lunches/breakfast and afterschool clubs
- Music lessons will still commence for those in school
- If you are entitled to a reimbursement for lunches, breakfast and afterschool club or music lessons, this will be dealt with as soon as possible
- PE will still take place on the days set up for individual classes

Procedures for those at home:

For those children sadly staying at home, the children are expected to continue their learning via remote learning (Google Classroom with the addition of Tapestry for the Reception children). Whilst I appreciate that some parents may be working from home and the pressure to also support children through this journey maybe difficult, I only ask that your child engages and completes at least some of the tasks; children in school will be accessing the same tasks. As we progress through the weeks, we will make contact with you if it is evident that your child is not completing any tasks (to offer support). In addition, Miss Scarlett has sent out a separate Remote Learning letter to help you navigate this learning platform and included an email address for correspondence. If you have any concerns or worries please contact your child's teacher (via Google Classroom) in the first instance and if further support is needed, we will help in any way that we can.

It is our intention to organise a teacher phone call home to your child as we navigate this situation and maybe other wellbeing support.



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If you are entitled to Free School Meals, Mrs Duke will make contact with you to talk through the arrangements.

Although it seems 2021 will continue to be a challenging year, St Bernadette's will endeavour to support you as families in any way that we can. Thank you again for the many heartfelt emails and messages of support; your kind words go a long way in knowing that we are all in this together.

During these troubled times, there is nothing more powerful than prayer. As a Catholic community, let us remember that, 'It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure,' Samuel: 2 22-33

God bless and stay safe,

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