



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

## 'Doing our best for God'

Date: Tuesday, 08 December 2020

### ST BERNADETTE'S REMOTE LEARNING PLAN

*The plan complies with the expectations and principles outlined in the DFE document Guidance for Full Opening of Schools.*

Dear Parents/Carers

In the event your child needs to self-isolate due to having Covid-19 symptoms themselves or members of your household having symptoms or because we have had to close a bubble or the whole school, please find details of our remote learning support on the school website under '**Google Classroom.**' The following information should also help you understand how St Bernadette's school has responded to 'Remote learning.'

DFE guidance states that schools should "Develop remote education so that it is integrated into school curriculum planning: Remote education may need to be an essential component in the delivery of the school curriculum for some pupils, alongside classroom teaching, or in the case of a local lockdown. All schools are therefore expected to plan to ensure any pupils educated at home for some of the time are given the support they need to master the curriculum and so make good progress."

If your child is in the position where they need to self – isolate and thus a loss of learning occurs, caused by Coronavirus, parents/carers should understand that engagement in remote home education is now compulsory, as is the expectation that St Bernadette's makes this provision available and accessible; if your child is well enough to engage.

#### How will my child/children access home learning?

Earlier on in the term, a learning pack was sent home with your child. This comprised of Maths, English, Comprehension, Science and topic-based learning centred on Geography and History. Tasks were also set on '**Purple Mash,**' with email access so the children can engage with their teachers. More recently, we have introduced '**Google Classroom.**' All the information/guidance for this learning platform is on the school website and children have been introduced to this new learning in class. All the resources should help support learning at home.

#### What will Remote Education look like whilst my child is not at school?

Different areas of the curriculum will be planned for your child to access daily so that they do not miss out on the **objectives being taught in class** and therefore reducing the risk of missing key concepts and hindering their learning journey. Activities/tasks will be designed to be completed in your home. These activities will now be directly linked to what your child would have been taught in school at that time and will make specific reference to new teaching content as well as consolidating previous learning too.

#### When will Remote Education activities be uploaded?

From Day 1 @ 9.00 am, your child's teacher will make contact through the **Google Classroom** email. Each class may follow a slightly different format dependent on the age group. If you have any problems with this, please contact the school office and we will rectify the situation with your child's class teacher as soon as they are able to do so.



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### **When does my child/ren complete the Remote Education activities?**

Your child/ren will need to access and upload their completed activities each day. If they want to start a task and come back to it later that day, activities can be saved. In Reception we use the 'Tapestry' platform. Mrs Dowling may contact you via this way so that we are able to engage with your child's learning at the appropriate level.

Alternatively, children can work on paper and photograph it, to upload their learning for that day. We understand that computer/devices may need to be shared within the family so the packs of learning can also be used.

### **How will my child's special educational needs be supported?**

Work will be planned according to the child's needs. Where specific, individual support plans are in place, work and will be set according to this. A teacher, teaching assistant or Family Support Worker may well provide further guidance. This may be a telephone call home.

### **How and when will my child/ren hear from their teacher and get feedback?**

Your children will receive a response from a member of staff regularly in a variety of forms. This may be wellbeing in the form of a weekly telephone call or emails. Staff will feedback on your child's learning regularly so that your child does not go off track if they have had a misconception. Feedback will come in many forms including written/typed comments and acknowledgment of learning. Your child may receive additional challenges to think about in their further learning if they have found something easy or they may get another similar activity if they need the extra practice of the skill. Correspondence with your child's teacher will be from **9.00 am – 3.25 pm**.

Children do not need to respond to the feedback that their teachers give however they may well need to act on the advice given in their future learning, just as they would do in school. If your child does not understand their task, they can contact the teacher via their Google Classroom email to let them know and the teacher will respond when they are able to do so.

If the whole class are absent from school due to an outbreak or lockdown, teachers will be able to respond throughout the school day. However, if only one or two children in a class are absent at a time, I am sure you will understand that our teachers will organise their learning in a different way and will only be able to give feedback at the end of the school day due to their class teaching commitments (this can be discussed via a phone call through the school office).

Teachers will not live-stream lessons from their homes, nor engage in any video calling. These sessions are not desirable for primary children as the teacher-pupil interaction is not easily replicated.

### **What can I do to support my child's home learning?**

We would recommend creating a dedicated area for your child to work on their remote education. We would encourage a set start and finish time that works for you and your family setting. The regular time to move, exercise, and have a break will be beneficial for your child's home learning experience. Having login details for education platforms to hand will also make this process easier for your child – all are located inside your child's school diary.

Check-in on what your child(ren) have achieved on a regular basis throughout the day.

If your child doesn't finish all the tasks set on the day, please encourage them to upload what they have achieved so we can ascertain their level of understanding/effort. If your child finishes the work set quickly, get your child to feed this back to the teacher so they know further challenge is needed in the future.



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### What if my child is struggling or not completing their Remote Education?

Your children's teachers will be setting learning appropriate to your child's ability, age and stage in the year. They will be able to monitor if your child is engaging. Teachers will be providing material that will support and extend your child's learning moving forward which should allow all children to partake in their Remote Learning and make genuine progress so they don't have lots to catch up on when they come back to school.

There may be different levels on activities and additional support videos. It is important to remember that struggle is a normal part of learning and children would face challenge even when in school. However, if your child is struggling with Remote Education beyond what is expected, please contact the teacher or school via email.

If a child does not engage with the remote education provided, the Class Teacher will call the parents to discuss obstacles and give support. If this disengagement continues, the Senior Leadership Team will be notified and they will contact the family to see if the problem can be solved.

### Will my child still have to do their remote learning if they are feeling ill with Covid symptoms?

No - if your child does not feel well – let them recover and feel better before settling them down to remote education tasks. Just email the class teacher or email the school office to let us know then we can make contact with you for support.

**Will my child use Remote Learning for other illnesses?** No – remote education is just being planned and provided for the Covid self-isolation period. The same applies as above – if your child is unwell, they will not be fit to do work – they need rest and recovery time before heading back to school as normal.

If your child is entitled to **Free School Meals** we will be providing them with lunches. Mrs Duke will make contact with you so you are aware of the arrangements.

As with all new initiatives, there is always a settling in period. I am delighted with the children's engagement with **Remote Learning** so far. It is really important that your child continues to learn during this difficult time and your support with these bubble closure plans is greatly appreciated. For those that are struggling at this point, we will make contact with you personally to discuss how we can help you through the process.

Yours faithfully,

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