



The Federation of St Bede's & St Bernadette Catholic Schools

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure for most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. **Please complete the attached form and return it to the school by first thing tomorrow morning, as we need to submit the information to Lambeth.**

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is, by text and on the website.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

An initial home learning pack will be issued to all children to take home today. If your child is not in school, please contact the school office to inform them that you will be coming to collect the pack for your child. **The packs will be left outside of the main school gate for ease of collection.**

- Further learning via a 'home learning due to school closure' page will be available via Google classroom and the school website on a weekly basis
- Please support your child with their learning on a daily basis as if they were at school
- If you need to contact the school for any reason during this school closure please e-mail info@st-bedes.lambeth.sch.uk or info@stbernadette.co.uk depending on which school your child attends. **This e-mail will be active from Monday 23rd March 2020.**

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

Reminder: Any planned school trips or events are cancelled until further notice

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience, as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it is far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the school office.

Please remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

We are thinking and praying for all our families

Yours sincerely

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