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Dear Parents and Carers of St Bernadette Pupils,

I hope you and your families continue to remain safe and well. It was hard to imagine when we closed on 20th March, that as we start of the last school term of this academic year, we would still be closed to the majority of our pupils and would be continuing with home learning.

Over the May break the government published the long awaited secondary guidance. The full guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

There is currently an expectation that from 15th June, we will begin to bring small groups of year 10 pupils (no more than 25% of the year group at a time) into school, for face to face sessions. We are continuing to plan for this and will share our intentions with you and your child shortly.

Our commitment to the home learning of our pupils remains a priority and we are looking to fine tune this further during this term. Thank you for all you are doing to support your child's learning. We know that many pupils are working well and have established positive routines. We want them to continue with these good habits this term. We are also aware that some pupils are struggling and not participating as well as they could. We want to try and reengage these pupils so that they make the progress of which they are capable.

Yesterday was the feast of Pentecost, when the disciples received the Holy Spirit and then went forth to spread the Good News of Christ. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. As we continue to live with restrictions on our daily lives and many of us face uncertainty, it is comforting to consider how the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit can be positively present in our lives. This week's pupil assembly focuses on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and includes this prayer:

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen. St Bernadette...pray for us."

Take care and stay safe

Best wishes

Mrs McLaughlin