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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As the Coronavirus situation continues to develop we are all faced with some difficult decisions. At St Bernadette's, as in all schools, staff and pupils are affected by the requirement to self-isolate and maintain social distancing. This has affected the number of staff we have in school and this is changing on a daily basis.

Having assessed our situation we feel we are unable to remain open for all year groups.

From Thursday 19th March, the school we be open to:

- Pupils in Years 7, 10 and 11
- Pupils in all year groups whose parents/ carers work in front line health, emergency and essential services

From Thursday 19th March until 3rd April (in the first instance) the school will be closed to:

- Pupils in Years 8 and 9
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Please continue to follow government guidelines on self-isolation. The full guidance for staying at home can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidancefor-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We would also ask that you do not send children with any illness into school given the current demands on our staff.

As a school we are committed to all of our pupils continuing to engage in regular, daily learning.

Pupils in Years 8 and 9 who will be learning at home

Pupils should use the new exercise book they have been given to complete work. On the school website pupils should click on Pupils then Work for pupils when absent from school and follow the appropriate links listed for different subject. By clicking on the faculty web resources links they will be able to access materials produced by our subject staff. Teachers who are well and able to set work may also add specific tasks in Google Classroom.

We recommend that pupils also spend some time reading, researching and revising. Please ensure your child varies the tasks they complete so that they are not using computers all of the time.

Pupils in all year groups who are self-isolating and well

On the school website pupils should click on Pupils then Work for pupils when absent from school and follow the appropriate links listed for different subject. By clicking on the faculty web resources links they will be able to access materials produced by our subject staff. KS4 pupils can also access Hegarty Maths, GCSE-pod and Seneca Learning.

We are working with Bristol City Council to look at how we can support families who receive free school meals during periods of school closure and will share information with you as we receive it.

We continue to monitor the situation and I will continue to provide a daily communication for parents by email and on the school website. **If it becomes necessary to close to further year groups we will inform you of this as soon as possible.**

Thank you for your continued support and please continue to remember all those affected by Coronavirus in your prayers.

Best wishes

Mrs McLaughlin