



# St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of St Bernadette Pupils,

Each school term our school community focuses on one aspect of Catholic Social Teaching. This term our focus is on Solidarity. The word solidarity is linked with the word solid.

Solidarity reminds us that we are not separate from one another, but through our shared humanity and as children of one God, all of us, wherever we are in the world, are bonded together.

The spread of the Coronavirus virus across the world makes us realise how connected we all are. But perhaps more significantly, the impact of the virus and restrictions on our daily lives, make us realise how dependent we are on each other. As humans we need each other and our society and individual well being depend on people doing a range of jobs and providing different services.

In his letter to the Corinthians, St Paul wrote, Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" Nor can the head say to the feet, "Well, I don't need you!" There is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

As a school community we continue to work together. Pupils will today receive their weekly assembly and prayers. They will have work set for them daily and during the week will receive email contact from a range of staff. We hope that, from the safety of their homes, they are also in contact with and interacting with friends.

Last week Miss Mainwaring shared with pupils, details of a proposed St Bern's Virtual Music Performance. What a wonderful way for our school community to show solidarity at this time! We are creating an opportunity for all members of our school community to be involved. Please ask your child to share the details with you and encourage them to take part.

At the end of this week you will receive the next edition of the Bernard. Again we hope it will reinforce our sense of belonging and community and show our solidarity at this time.

I hope that you and your families continue to keep safe and well.

Best wishes

Mrs McLaughlin