



# St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of St Bernadette Pupils,

As the measures to lift the lockdown continue, last week, the Prime Minister announced that all pupils will be returning to school full time in September. We have been promised specific guidance on how this is to be achieved, as it would not be possible if social distancing of one metre were expected. There is speculation about year group bubbles and other possibilities, but currently we just do not know. We expect to receive the guidance later this week and once we have been able to plan in response to it, we will share our plans for September with you.

In the meantime we want to make sure that as many of our pupils as possible, have a positive end to the school year and that we have assessed their wellbeing and the progress they have made with their work. All pupils in Years 7 – 10 have been invited to complete a questionnaire to help us to do this. The questionnaire has been emailed to their school email account. The deadline for responses has been extended to the end of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The findings received so far, show that the questionnaire gives pupils the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings, often in an honest and eloquent way. Please encourage your child to complete it if they have not already done so. The questionnaire results will be shared with your child's tutor and teachers.

In the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July, we are asking all tutors of years 7 -10 to make individual contact with members of their tutor group either through a Google Meet or a phone call. Contact will be made, even if the questionnaire has not been completed. We envisage each conversation lasting 10-15 minutes and the tutor will be in touch with you to share the arrangements.

To provide tutors with adequate time to make this contact, teachers will not be required to set work for pupils on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. On these days pupils are asked to revise, catch up on any work they have fallen behind with or undertake some of the Excellence challenge tasks which will be shared on Google Classroom at the start of that week.

Year 11 pupils have been emailed information about transition tasks made available by St Brendan's and the City of Bristol College. Hopefully they are beginning to prepare for the next stage of their learning. If they have any concerns they should not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are currently working on the arrangements for Results Day, which will have to be different this year, and will share these with you before the end of term. Stay safe and have a good week.

Best wishes

Mrs McLaughlin