



# St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of St Bernadette Pupils,

I trust you and your families remain well.

As churches, shops and some outdoor attractions begin to reopen their doors, there is considerable speculation and debate about the wider opening of schools. At St Bernadette's we have remained open to key worker and vulnerable children since the lockdown started. From today we are welcoming the first of our Year 10 pupil groups back to school for their face to face sessions. We recognise that some people want a wider offer while others advocate a slower approach. In the current circumstances it is impossible to satisfy everyone.

In inviting our Year 10 pupils into school, we have been cautious and adhered to all recommendations and guidance. All the pupils on our school site are working in separate 'bubbles' with allocated staff and areas of the school. Everyone is expected to maintain social distancing and high standards of hygiene.

In addition to this wider offer for Year 10s, our staff are currently engaging in additional training to extend the range of the home offer learning provided to pupils. In recognition of this additional training, the INSET day scheduled for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July has been moved to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This means that staff will be setting work for pupils on the 6<sup>th</sup> July but the school year for pupils will, in effect, finish on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

We continue to await information about what the beginning of the new school year might look like and will share it and our plans, once we are in a position to do so.

Stay safe and have a good week.

Best wishes

Mrs McLaughlin