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Dear Parents and Carers of St Bernadette Pupils,

Traditionally today would have been the May Day Bank Holiday but it was moved to Friday of this week to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE day. Who would have thought that the celebrations planned to mark the occasion would not be able to take place because of Coronavirus?

The government has to review the current restrictions by the end of this week and it is anticipated that we will receive information about the gradual lifting of restrictions, including schools re-opening. At this stage we do not know when this will be or what it will look like but my staff and I are totally committed to doing all we can to ensure a safe and appropriate return for all members of our school community.

In the meantime, we have been delighted with the work that so many of our pupils are completing. I hope you have had a chance to look at the edition of the Bernard which was shared with you on Friday. It contains some lovely examples of work that pupils have completed at home. We would like to thank you for all you are doing to support your child's learning and appreciate that it is not always easy. I heard of a parent with primary-aged children, who said that there were daily tantrums – and some of them were hers!

Please continue to encourage your children to complete their school work but also to explore a range of activities they can complete safely from home. Maybe there is a recorder or another musical instrument in the home, which they can learn to play? How about learning to juggle (rolled up socks work well -in an appropriate space, of course) or becoming an origami master. Maybe there are skills you can develop together with them? It is important to create time for fun and laughter, which are so important, especially at times such as these.

As always, thank you for all you are doing and remember if you are struggling and need help, please get in touch with us or one of the agencies signposted on our school website.

Take care and stay safe

Best wishes

Mrs McLaughlin