

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you will appreciate that we are all dealing with a complex and rapidly changing situation. Our first priority as always, is to the health and safety of the children and staff in our school.

We have been told by the Government to remain open and will only close if we are officially advised to do so or if we do not have enough staff to ensure the welfare or well-being of the children.

If we are advised to close, all parent/carers will be informed through parentmail, Twitter, it will be on the website and on the Cardiff City Council 'Is My School Closed' page.

This is an entirely unprecedented situation and we continue to follow advice from:

- Public Health Wales
- Welsh Government
- Director of Education for Cardiff

As you are aware we have already put in a number of measures to keep everyone safe:

- Families are being advised in line with government guidelines to self-isolate if symptoms of a dry cough or temperature are present
- Hand washing at regular intervals takes place
- Individual water bottles are only being permitted
- The use of tissues to be used and disposed of is encouraged
- Regular cleaning of surfaces
- Children have been issued with individual pens/pencils. Pencil use will be supervised in the Nursery classroom
- Water, sand and play dough use have been stopped
- Visitors have been limited. Any visitor will be asked to use the hand sanitising gel available
- Children will directed straight to classes to avoid any congestion in the playground and will start to be sent out earlier to again avoid congestion. Please do not all start arriving early or the issue will not be resolved
- After/before school clubs from next week will be cancelled until further notice

Home Learning

Staff are preparing resources to enable home learning to take place in the case of school closures and for our families that have needed to self-isolate. This week, teachers will be reminding children how to access their Hwb and Google Classroom accounts.

On Friday, a Home Learning Guide will be sent home and will also be available on the school website along with links to online resources. Please go to the Parents section 'Home Learning'

Exercise books with individual passwords and login details for our online resource packages along with a pen or pencil will be given to all children on Wednesday. Those children not in, if you wish, please can you arrange for someone to collect or contact the school.

Work will be set on Home Learning Task Sheets on Google Classroom (access will be explained in the crib sheet being sent home) from Monday 23.3.2020.

The amount of work completed by the children will be the choice of parents and carers

I understand that this is a worrying time for all of us but please be assured that we are doing our utmost to ensure we are proactive and measured in keeping all children and staff at St Bernadette's safe.

