



# St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

*Growing Together in Faith, Love & Learning*

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6<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year; hopefully you had a relaxing and joyful Christmas and were able to spend time with family and friends. We enjoyed welcoming the children back to school yesterday and we are ready for the term ahead.

## **Bernie's Bears Stay and Play**

We will be continuing our Stay and Play sessions for children under 4 starting again on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 9:30am—10:45am**. We are lucky that it is run by our EYFS team, Mrs Li and Miss Chivers and all the little ones have access to our Nursery indoor and outdoor area. If you would like to attend, please call the school office on 01257 401125 to book your slot.

We ask any visitors take a lateral flow test and wear a face mask when in the school building.

## **School Admissions**

Applications for Primary School places for September 2022 can now be submitted via [Primary school admissions \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions)

The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2022 is 15th January 2022. If you would like to have a tour of our school, or know of anyone who does, please contact the school office on 01257 401125.

## **COVID-19**

As you will no doubt be aware, cases of COVID have continued to increase both nationally and locally over the last few weeks. I am endlessly optimistic and hopeful for a more normal 2022 but know that the coming weeks will be crucial. With this in mind, we will continue to keep the school community safe through regularly reviewing our COVID measures. The current risk assessment with our contingency plan can be found on the [school website](#).

If we see cases rise across the classes, we will move to the contingency plan and reintroduce a bubble system to reduce the infection rate. Please continue to inform us of any positive cases or updates on your child's symptoms. Thank you.

The following guidance has changed since last year.

### **PCR tests to be temporarily suspended**

We have had confirmation that PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

**Self-isolation** Individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus have been able to end self-isolation after 7 days instead of 10 days if they have negative LFD test results on days 6 and 7. This applies to all people regardless of their age or vaccination status. The two LFD tests need to be taken 24 hours apart and the first test should not be taken before the sixth day.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial

- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

### **Remote Learning**

We will continue with our remote education plans in the event your child has to self-isolate. All pupils who are physically well will be given access to remote education via Class Dojo. Please inform us if your child is poorly or needs remote learning during the period of absence.

### **New Website**

We are pleased to announce that our new school website will be launched this half term. We want the website to be a useful source of news ranging from termly curriculum topics, terms dates, latest news and a calendar of events at the school and hope you find it useful. Watch this space for more information!

If you have any questions regarding the information outlined in this letter, please contact the school office on 01257 401125 or email [enquiries@saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in working together to ensure the safety and well-being of all those in our school community.

We look forward to a lovely spring term.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Helen Crowder  
Headteacher

### **Important Dates 2022 (more information to follow)**

**Early Reading Workshop Evening (Reception Parents)** - Monday 10th January 2022 @ 6pm

**Year 6 Mass at St. Bernadette's Church**—Tuesday 11th January 2022 @ 9:15am

**Healthy Relationship Sessions (Reception—Year 6) in school**—Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th January 2022

**Multiplication Information Evening (Year 4 Parents)** - Tuesday 18th January 2022 @ 5:30pm

**Year 5 Mass at St. Bernadette's Church**—Tuesday 18th January 2022 @ 9:15am

**"Friends Of St Bernadette's" (FOSB) Meeting**—Wednesday 19th January 2022

**Year 4 Mass at St. Bernadette's Church**—Tuesday 25th January 2022 @ 9:15am

**Year 3 Mass at St. Bernadette's Church**—Tuesday 1st February 2022 @ 9:15am

**Railway Safety Sessions (Reception—Year 6) in school**—Wednesday 16th February 2022

**School closes for February half term**—Friday 18th February 2022