

St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the announcement that England is returning to a full lockdown, school will now move to remote teaching for all children apart from those of keyworkers or children identified as vulnerable. All of the staff at St Bart's are utterly committed to ensuring that the children of keyworkers are able to attend school so that you are able to continue to attend your critical jobs to help combat this virus, care for and treat those who are ill and keep essential services running. In order for the closure of schools to have the desired impact, and to protect the health of all of the children and staff attending, it is essential that you only send your children if it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for you to do your job and there is no one else in your household who can be reasonably asked to care for your child. The fewer children coming into school, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect others in wider society.

Please complete the Microsoft Form if you are requesting provision for your child due to you being a keyworker. We will be using the information we receive in order to establish the number of children who will need to continue to attend school. Some of the information will help us to prioritise provision in the event that numbers requesting a place in school are too high for us to safely accommodate everyone. It is likely that we will ask for proof of employment and working days/hours. PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD ON THE APPROPRIATE FORM. THE YEAR GROUP WILL BE STATED AT THE TOP OF THE FORM.

Please respond to this form as soon as possible so that we can make and implement plans. I know you will still have lots of questions, such as, if children have a place but you work part time, will they only be able to attend when you are at work and, if you are working from home will children still be able to attend school. When we have all of the necessary information, we will be able to make these decisions and will communicate these with parents as soon as we can.

During the planning stage this week, teachers will continue to set work via Class Dojo and Purple Mash, with a view to moving to some live teaching from Monday. This is so that we can work out the logistics of providing education to children both inside and outside school.

Please bear with us as we work to put everything in place for children to continue with their education. I once again thank you so much for your patience, understanding and support. Hopefully, this will the last time we are in a situation where children are asked to stay away from school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will respond as soon as we possibly can.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Kilmister Headteacher