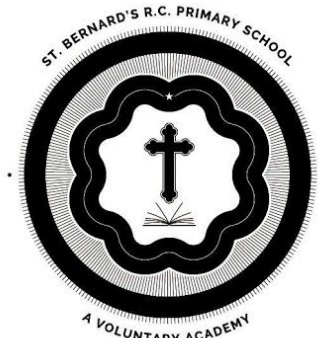


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St Bernard's update – 22.5.20

Dear Parents and Carers

I write with further information about plans to extend the opening of our school. Today we have learned that the Directors of Holy Family Multi Academy Trust (HFCMAT) have decided that **we will not open our school on 1st June** for Reception, Team 1 and Team 6. This is in line with guidance from our Local Authority & Diocese. The reason for this is that we do not have sufficient evidence to ensure that risks could be managed effectively if we return at this time.

For the last two weeks, we have been devising plans for extending our opening to specific year groups, ensuring we can mitigate risks. These will be reviewed and refined after the half term. We anticipate extending our opening **from 15th June at the earliest**. Pupils will return to school in stages in the following weeks: initially Y6, then Foundation Stage and last, Y1. This will be subject to safe staffing levels; the supply of essential resources and the scientific evidence available. We will use the time from 1st June to train our staff; implement action plans for as safe an opening as we can reasonably manage and provide reassurance to you.

St Bernard's has been open for childcare since 23rd March, including throughout holidays, and we will continue to offer this to our key worker and vulnerable children from 1st June onwards. Home learning will continue from 1st June but we are reviewing our approach to this for the remainder of this academic year to support all children the best we can.

We will endeavour to keep you informed of our plans and will **write to you by Thursday 11th June to advise you of our decision to extend the opening of the school.**

Thank you for your support over the past weeks. Your messages of thanks and support are very much appreciated by the staff who have worked tirelessly in these unprecedented times.

We hope all of our families and wider community stay safe.

Yours Faithfully,

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