

CHANGE OF PLAN!

I am very sorry to inform you that St Bert's is closed for the vast majority of pupils for the foreseeable future. I can only apologise to all parents for the short notice given. This is not ideal but together we will do our very best to cater for the learning and emotional needs of all of our children.

As you can appreciate this has given us, as professionals, very little preparation time to organise systems for key workers/home learning/cover absence for colleagues; however, we will endeavour to move forward swiftly.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A KEY WORKER PLACE?

- . if you are a key worker (according to the government website) then your child will be able to take up a key worker place at St Bert's.
- . if you were considered a key worker in the last lockdown but you have changed your employment and are no longer a key worker, then unfortunately, you are not able to access a place.
- . if you have changed your employment and now feel you meet the criteria of being a key worker, please fill in the form, which will be available on our school website from 12 noon (5th January 2021). Please send the form to gill.read@stbertelines.co.uk and we will respond as quickly as possible.

RECEPTION CHILDREN

If you are a parent of a Reception child and think you may be eligible for a key worker place, then please fill in the form which will be available on our website from 12 noon tomorrow (5th January 2021). Please send the form to gill.read@stbertelines.co.uk and we will respond as quickly as possible.

EHCP/VULNERABLE CHILDREN

During our last lockdown some children attended school as a result of having an EHCP or having a specific need which renders them vulnerable in some way. These children will once again be able to access a place.

ELIGIBLE CHILDREN

All children who are eligible to attend school on 5th January 2021 should come to school at the same time and using the same entrance which they have been using prior to this lockdown. Please wear school uniform and follow the rules of the Covid Agreement (copy on school website).

HOME LEARNING

Most families by now should have received an email from their child's teacher. This email details how to access our home learning (Google). Your child will have a user name and password. Unfortunately, we were hoping to practise using the home learning platform over the next couple of weeks but 'lockdown' has happened earlier than anticipated. All staff will endeavour to have home learning available on the Google Classroom by Thursday 7th January 2021 at the latest. Please bear with us as we learn together to use the system. Thank you!

I have written these instructions as quickly as possible following the Prime Minister's announcement. Over the coming days there will be lots of queries and questions. I will communicate as regularly as possible in order to keep you up to date with developments. Please feel free to e-mail your child's teacher but be aware that they will be teaching key worker bubbles for the majority of the day and may not be able to respond immediately.

I hope that as a school family we can work together to overcome the many challenges we face. Please look after each other and stay safe!

God bless

Julie Barron
Headteacher