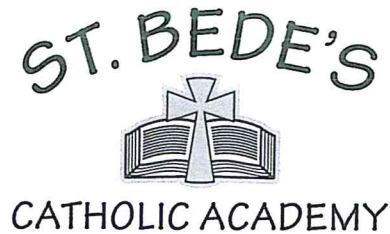


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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we close this academic year, I feel it's important that I make contact with you all.

This has been an unprecedented and difficult year for us all. St Bede's has remained open since day one of the lockdown. We have offered a safe and secure place for our key workers and vulnerable children each and every day – including school holidays and national bank holidays. We have provided four large work packs for each of your children and a comprehension online work programme for you to follow.

Your engagement and support has been invaluable we would like to thank all our parents and carers who have supported their children with their learning and have remained in contact with school. It has been a tricky time for you all. You are all unsung heroes too!

We are delighted to have the vast majority of reception, year 6 and year 1 children already back with us. They have been engaging with a full timetable.

School will be open to all children from September and school will once again become compulsory for all children. We can't wait to see school full again with children. We have missed their chatter, laughter and their smiles.

We do not underestimate the scale of challenge ahead of us. But be assured, we have exercised comprehensive risk assessments, good judgement and a healthy dose of common sense and because of that St Bede's is able to accommodate all children safely in key stage and year group bubbles in September. Over the holidays, we will post on all of our social media platforms information about the arrangements we have made for the children to return. School will reopen to pupils on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020.

It's going to be a mighty task ahead of us. We need to work closely together to narrow gaps in learning and help the children get back into a much needed routine. We have no doubt you will support us fully in this and your children will do their very best. Your children are wonderful and resilient and they will take everything in their stride.

In the meantime, have a lovely summer. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We will see you all again soon.

Bernadette Rizzi-Allan  
Head teacher.

