



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all safe and are coping as well as can be expected with the second week of lockdown. I am continually impressed by the resilience of the pupils studying both in school and at home, and wanted to thank you for all to do to support us. Your children are a credit to you and all the staff and I are missing those who are not with us very much.

### **Remote learning:**

We are very pleased with how introducing Google Classroom in the majority of year groups has gone this week, and there has been very positive feedback from parents. The children have particularly enjoyed seeing each other in the live streamed lessons and their engagement has been of a very high level.

As well as the majority of children accessing their work through Google classroom, work will continue to be uploaded onto each class webpage and paper copies made available from the Office.

We have received a delivery of further laptops/i-pads from the DFE for any pupils who do not have access to sufficient technology at home. If you would like to apply for one please contact Miss Sims.

If you have any further suggestions of good remote learning practice, please do not hesitate to ring me to discuss.

### **Coronavirus update:**

For those pupils attending school, it is vitally important that you do not send your child into school if they are unwell. This is as many children in each bubble have parents who are critical workers and they would not be able to attend work if their child developed symptoms after contact with someone who was unwell and later tested positive for coronavirus.

As the weather continues to be cold, please do not send your child into school with a cough, even if you think it is because of a cold. They will need to have a negative test result to be able to return to school.



At times when the rooms are being ventilated, your child may feel colder than usual in school and so they are able to wear an extra layer on top, such as a zip up hoodie/cardigan/sleeveless jacket that does not have to be school uniform.

**Free school meals provision:**

The government have announced that the free school meal boxes will no longer be handed out as the provision for those pupils at home who are entitled to free school meals.

The voucher scheme will return and as soon as we have more information, about how it will work and when it will begin, we will let you know.

If you are not eligible for free school meals but are in need of support with food, please speak to Miss Sims as we have food parcels available for any family who need them.

**Foundation and Parent Governors Needed:**

Are you able to help us to continue to provide a caring, safe, and academically stimulating environment for our children? New governors are needed to help us make Holy Cross the best it can be. Would you able to spare some time as part of the school governing body to work with staff and other parents on our journey from good to outstanding, whilst maintaining our very special ethos? There is more information on what governors do here;

<https://www.holycross.bristol.sch.uk/our-governors/> or contact Mrs Jo Kingston or Mr Jason Franks (clerk to governors) for more information.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support. Please take care of yourselves and your families.

As my Mum used to say: "Please God we'll meet again before too long."



Mrs Kingston

