



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have returned to school after the half term with their usual resilience and hearing how happy they are to be in school with their peers is heart-warming.

Being back in national lockdown is not something we all wanted but something we must all get through. Our motto for this term is that "We are all in this together."

Follow this link and you will be guaranteed to smile:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bz73c8rz4QA&safe=active>

I feel very strongly that together we can help each other through this difficult time and hopefully will forget quickly all about the restrictions we have been under in our lives.

Coronavirus update:

Thank you for all your continued support with ensuring children with symptoms are not brought into school and for arranging tests so we can keep everyone safe. We appreciate it is inconvenient but cannot stress how important it is if we are to keep all our classes open or limit the time children and staff have to self-isolate.

When dropping off and collecting your child/ren we ask that you only use the time slot allocated to your child/ren's class/es. If you are going to be that couple of minutes early this term, please wait away from the school gate – either further up or on the other side of the road.

Please also remember that siblings can arrive at the earliest time but from this term they must wait in the allocated space inside the gated area. This is so we do not block the pavement for our families or local residents. Please make sure you are lined up in 2 metre spaces.

We also ask that all parent/carers wear masks when dropping off or collecting children to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus.

So that we can keep as many classes as possible open during this time I need to remind you that the most important rule at this time is **not to send your child or their siblings into school if they have any of the symptoms of coronavirus (Covid 19). You must stay at home and book a test. We will need to see evidence of a negative result before we can allow your child/ren to return.**



Please follow this link for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child/letter-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>

INSET days:

Our remaining INSET days for the year are below:

Monday 4th January, Monday 22nd February, Friday 28th May and Monday 7th June.

Primary Admissions:

If you have a younger child who is due to start school next September, applications are now open. Please follow this link to the BCC website and complete our supplementary form on our website or ask for a paper copy from the office:

<https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

Please encourage your neighbours or friends who may have school age children to look at our website and consider joining our wonderful community here at Holy Cross. The closing date is 15th January 2021.

Term 1 Reports:

A written report has gone home with your child today. This is in lieu of the parents' evening we would have usually held this week. Enclosed in the report is a print out of your child's attendance for last term. If your child was self-isolating, this does not affect their attendance percentage and is marked with an X code.

Remembrance Day:

On Wednesday 11th November, we will be holding a Remembrance Service for all classes through Google Meets. From today, children were invited to bring in donations to buy poppies and other remembrance merchandise. They will still be available to buy until Wednesday.

Children in Need:

On Friday 13th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. Children can come into school in non-uniform or Children in Need clothing. Please bring in a donation for this charity, if you feel you can. The theme for this year is "Together we can..." which the children will be thinking about in school this week.

Contact and communication:

Due to the need for quick drop off and collections, we are asking parents to use Class dojo, Tapestry or the school e mail address to make contact with their child's class teachers if there is anything you wish to ask or discuss. Please contact your child's teacher to discuss anything you or your child wish to discuss – no matter how small it may be.



PE Kit:

Some children are coming to school in PE wear which is not the school kit. PE kit is to be worn instead of usual school uniform but it must be the correct school colours of navy blue and white. All classes (with the exception of Y6) are doing indoor PE this term. There has also been an increase in the number of children wearing trainers with their school uniform, on non PE days. Please support us by sending your children to school in the correct footwear.

Community larder/fridge:

If you need any support with food parcels please see Miss Sims. If you would like to donate to our community larder we always appreciate donations for those in need.

Plants:

We are trying to improve the appearance of the outside of our school building and are asking for any donations of evergreen plants for the various flower beds. If you have any cuttings/plants that you would like to donate, please drop them into the Office.

Dinner Monday Increase:

From this term, the price of a school lunch has been increased to £2.25 per day.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.



Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Friday 6th November – Poppies on sale in each class

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Friday 13th November – Children in Need Non-uniform day

Monday 23rd November – Flu immunisation for children who signed up

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 18th December – End of Term 2

