



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your continued support.

Next week is week 8 of the term and staff and pupils are starting to feel tired as we have adjusted back to a new normal in school. As the R number rises again, please ensure you do all you can to keep your families safe and well. Please also take time to look after yourselves. The children have shown superb resilience and it is so uplifting to be with them hearing their excitement and enthusiasm for their learning. I have spent an extended period of time in all of the classes these past 2 weeks and couldn't be prouder of all the students and staff, and their achievements.

Coronavirus update:

I must continue 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 following three symptoms of coronavirus (Covid 19).

They are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any of these main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result. Siblings of pupils awaiting test results must also stay at home until a negative result is returned.

Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell **but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste.**

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>



Getting a test seems easier this week and the results have all been back with 3 days. If you do need to isolate then we will provide work for your child/ren and, if you are entitled to free school meals, we will also provide a box of lunch time food from the catering company.

INSET days:

We have set all our remaining INSET days for the year. They are on the parent calendar as well as below:

Monday 2nd November, 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 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.

Secondary Schools Admissions:

The deadline for secondary school applications is fast approaching. Please ensure you have completed the BCC online form listing 3 choices of school as soon as possible. Some schools also require a supplementary form to be completed. If you need help, please see Miss Sims in the School Office.

Fundraising:

On Friday 23rd October (the last day of Term 1), all children are invited to wear non uniform for the CAFOD 'Brighten up for Harvest' campaign. Children are asked to wear a bright coloured piece of clothing and bring in a small donation towards CAFOD's work.

Samba drumming workshops:

Yesterday, each class from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in a Samba drumming workshop in the school hall. The children had a fantastic time and produced wonderful music, accompanied by the beat of a whistle. Next time, I will make sure I am out of my Office (which is off the school hall) for the day!

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. In lieu of a formal parents evening the parents' evening written mini report will be sent out after the half term break.



PE Kit:

Please remember the correct colour for PE kit is navy blue and white. (If you cannot find navy blue joggers/leggings or shorts/skorts, the black may be worn temporarily). Children need to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days, which have been sent out at the beginning of the year. Children do find it difficult if they do not have kit as their peers are in theirs all day. We do have spare for anyone who would like some.

School photos:

Just a reminder that the date for school photographs this year is Thursday 22nd October. Unfortunately, due to restrictions we are unable to offer sibling or family photos. Only individual photos will be taken.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.



Mrs Kingston.

