



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your continued support with helping us manage the really difficult position we all find ourselves in at this present time.

Coronavirus update:

I am pleased to report that at the time of writing this, 12 days after our single confirmed case was last in school, no further pupils have reported any symptoms. This gives us some reassurance that the measures we have in place seem to be working well at this time. Thank you for all your support this week. We have really missed our Year 4 pupils and look forward to welcoming them all back on Monday.

Please remember 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>



Drop off times:

As the morning congestion has eased significantly, ELSA class can now be dropped off at school at 9am from Monday.

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.

Breakfast and After School Clubs:

We still have a small number of spaces in our breakfast and after school clubs to all parents who need this provision. Please contact Miss Sims to book a place.

Harvest:

We will be holding a Harvest Assembly next Thursday for the pupils in school to give thanks for all the goodness our world has to offer. It is a livestreamed event by CAFOD. If you would like to join in, if you feel able to, please send in any donations for the food bank of dried or canned goods. <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Harvest-assembly>

Samba drumming workshops:

In lieu of school trips this term, we are excited to inform you that each class from Year 1 to Year 6 will take part in a Samba drumming workshop in school on Thursday 15th October. We are asking for a voluntary contribution towards this session of £3 per pupil. Please pay on the app or send cash in a named envelope in with your child.

Community larder and fridge:

We still have a large stock of larder products available for any families who need some extra support. Very kindly, we have been given a donation to fund our community larder and fridge by the family of a recently deceased parishioner in their memory. Again, a reminder of real kindness in these difficult times.

Reading:

Reading books and bags are only to be brought back to school on one allocated day per week, depending on which class your child is in. Please keep the books at home all week and only return on the allocated day. Class teachers will have told you if the day is not Friday. The children read books from school to their teacher during the 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 child wish to discuss – no matter how small it may be.



Uniform:

Thank you for your support in ensuring the children have all returned to school looking so smart. Please now ensure that all nail varnish, temporary tattoos and hair colours have been removed, as per our school policy. Please remember the correct sweatshirt/cardigan colour is navy blue. We have noticed an increase in some children not wearing black school shoes this week again and ask for your support in this matter. Coloured trainers are only to be worn on PE days.

School photos:

The provisional 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.

Class Masses and First Holy Communion:

I am pleased to inform you that class masses will begin again later this term. Fr Rupert will come into school every 2 weeks to celebrate Mass with each individual class, in the School Hall. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to join us at the moment. We will begin with Year 6 next Friday. The Diocese have informed us that the children who prepared last year will be invited to make their First Holy Communion next year. We are still waiting to hear about how this year's preparation will run.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs Kingston.
Head Teacher

