



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:

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.**

This is the guidance we (and all other schools) have been asked to follow. So if you inform us your child has any of these symptoms, we will ask you to book a test and a negative result be returned before your child (and their siblings) will be allowed back to school. We understand this may cause you some inconvenience but please remember it is for the safety of all pupils and families in the school community. If you need any advice please ring 111 or go online to 111. Miss Sims and I are unable to make any judgement on what type of cough your child has and whether it will be classed as persistent.



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>

Although the majority of pupils are now being dropped off and collected at the correct time for their bubble, there are still a small number of parents arriving early or late for their slot.

Please aim to arrive on time for both pick up and collection as the bubbles cannot be mixed. You will be asked to wait until the correct time and I am conscious that this will become more unpleasant as the colder weather arrives.

Please stick to the times below to ease congestion at the gates:

Drop off:

8:45am	8:55am	9:05am
Year 6	Year 5	ELSA
Year 2	Year 1	EYFS
Year 4	Year 3	

Collection:

2:50pm	2:55pm	3:00pm	3:05pm	3:10pm	3:15pm
EYFS	ELSA	Year 1	Year 3	Year 2	Year 4
			Year 5		Year 6

I am sorry to have to ask again that you ensure you **do not let your child walk in the road**. I also must ask waiting parents to queue against the walls so as to keep the pavement as clear as possible so others can get past without having to step into the road.

Please also do not stand outside the school gates on the pavements once you have collected your child/ren. Please move away from the entrances. We have had a number of complaints from the public that there are groups of more than 6 congregating and chatting when dropping off or collecting their child/ren.

Breakfast and After School Clubs:

We still have a small number of spaces in our breakfast and after school clubs to any parents who need this provision but do not fall under the key worker category. Please see the spaces available below and contact Miss Sims to book a place:

Breakfast	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	7	7	7	7	7
Year 1	2	1	1	1	1
Year 2	1	1	2	3	2
Year 3	5	4	3	3	3
Year 4	3	2	2	2	3
Year 5	6	6	6	6	6
Year 6	1	1	1	1	1



After School Club	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	6	6	6	7	7
Year 1	5	5	5	5	5
Year 2	5	6	6	6	6
Year 3	6	6	5	5	6
Year 4	6	5	5	5	6
Year 5	8	8	8	8	8
Year 6	3	2	4	0	1

PE:

A polite reminder that children need to come to school in their P.E. kits on their P.E. days. Full correct kit consists of navy blue shorts/joggers/skorts, a plain white T shirt and a navy blue school sweatshirt or hoodie. Children must also wear trainers or daps for health and safety reasons. Unfortunately, children who do not come to school dressed in PE kit will not be able to participate. If you need any PE kit, please contact your child's class teacher on class dojo. No jewellery (including earrings) is to be worn for PE lessons. We recommend all jewellery is removed on PE days. Please remember PE kit days are not the same as non-uniform days.

RSE week:

We will hold our postponed RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) week from the Summer term this week. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the curriculum that will be covered or see the resources we will use, please contact your child's teacher on Class Dojo.

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.

Reading:

Reading books and bags are only to be brought back to school on Fridays. Please keep the books at home all week and only return on a Friday. The children read school books 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.



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.

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. It was lovely to welcome Fr into school this morning when he visited each class and prayed for all their intentions. Fr Rupert is currently discussing with the Diocese how we can continue First Holy Communion preparation with the Diocese and we will update you as soon as possible.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.

Mrs Kingston.

