



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for bearing with us whilst we have settled into the new routines at drop off and collection this week.

Things are settling well and it is much calmer and safer at the beginning and end of the day now, so thank you for sticking to your allocated times.

However, there are a still a small number of parents arriving early or late which makes it difficult to keep the bubble separate. Please make sure you stick to the times below:

I also ask again that you ensure you **do not let your child walk in the road**. All key stage 2 parents arriving before their time are reminded to queue against the walls so as to keep the pavement as clear as possible. I know it is not easy as the pavement is not that wide.

If there is more than 1 adult collecting, I ask that only 1 adult queues and that the others wait over the road to help ease the congestion. I also ask that if you move away from the school entrance as soon as you have collected your child.

From this week, to ease end of day procedures, ELSA pupils will need to be collected at 2:55pm. Collection points will remain the same.

Friday's incident:

Thank you for all your support following the really unusual circumstances we faced on Friday at pick up time. As always your children showed amazing resilience and demonstrated a good awareness of how to behave in such an unlikely situation. We followed the school's clear procedures for lockdown and the process worked well and kept everyone safe. I would also like to thank the staff for their prompt response to a lockdown instigated at the end of the day. The termly practice of lockdown drills was invaluable preparation for this unfortunate situation. I would also like to reassure parents that at no point was there any weapon on the school premises, no children were involved and no-one was hurt. SLT have, of course, reviewed our lockdown processes in light of this incident and will make any changes necessary to improve.



Breakfast and After School Clubs:

We are now able to open up 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
Year 1	2	1	1	1	1
Year 2	2	4	2	3	2
Year 3	5	4	4	4	4
Year 4	3	2	2	2	3
Year 5	6	6	7	6	6
Year 6	1	1	1	1	1

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

PE:

Formal PE lessons begin this week. All parents have been informed of their child's PE days via the class newsletter sent home last Friday. 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.

Homework:

Due to the need to reduce items travelling between home and school at the moment, homework will take a slightly different format for Term 1. Your child's teacher will have explained the process for each class in the newsletter sent home last Friday.

Contact and communication:

Due to the need for quick drop off and collections, we are asking parents to use Class dojo 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.

Goodbyes:

We have said goodbye to a small number of pupils this term. We wish them and their families all the best in their new endeavours, both in the UK and elsewhere. We will miss them and all that they have brought our school:

Sanvi (Year 1)

Aden, Leon and Vivaan (Year 2)

Daisy (Year 3)

Reyah and Unnatti (Year 4)

Lacey and Varshika (Year 5)

Brandon (Year 6)

Hellos:

We have also welcomed a number of new pupils into our school this term:

All of our lovely new Reception pupils.

Bobby (Year 1)

Abel (Year 3)

Ellie and Jacob (Year 4)

Ananya (Year 6)

And finally...

Our whole school focus this term is being grateful. Please talk to your children about what they are grateful for and how we can show that in our everyday lives. I am grateful that we are all back together where we should be. The children have been listening to this song in Collective worship time (in lieu of Assemblies).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sO2o98Zpzg8&list=RDsO2o98Zpzg8&start_radio=1&t=6

Please encourage them to listen and sing at home. (We are currently not singing in school together.) We are planning when Fr Rupert will come into school to lead Class Masses with each class and will let you know when the dates are confirmed.

Today is our school and parish feast day: The Feast of the Holy Cross, so I wish you all a happy feast day. Unfortunately, we were not able to celebrate in our usual way with a whole school Mass and a family BBQ after school. However, the children enjoyed cake together in their classes.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.

Mrs Kingston.

