



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to what promises to be a interesting year in school. It is a particularly poignant return to school this year and one that back in March we couldn't imagine working logistically, and that personally I didn't think I would be here for. So, we are delighted to be welcoming your children back to where they belong.

It has been so lovely to see your children coming back into school with smiles on their faces. They remind us all of why we do this job. It has been a pleasure to see them flourish in the new norm and take it all in their stride. Thank you for all your support during this unusual settling in period.

The children have settled quicky in to the new routines and have amazed us with their ability to follow one way systems, remember to socially distance and get used to the new times and entrances/exits. I am so proud of them all, especially our Year 3 pupils who have taken moving to a new key stage, without the usual transition activities, completely in their stride.

As I have explained, due to the need to keep the classes separate from each other, there is a staggered start and finish timetable in place. I understand this is yet something else that has changed that we need to get used to but it is really important for everyone's safety.

So I am asking you all again to only arrive at school at your child's allocated time for both drop off and pick up sessions, please. Siblings can be dropped at the earlier time. If you are early please wait away from the school entrance until your correct time slot.

Those of who have dropped off and collected have no doubt seen it is not an easy situation to manage so I need your help to keep everyone safe. I also ask that you ensure you do not let your child walk in the road. Please queue at the correct gate and try to keep the pavement as clear as possible. I know it is not easy as the pavement outside is not that wide. Hopefully, the proposed closure of Dean Lane to traffic will help make this more safe.

Until years 3 to 6 are settled into the new routine, I have had to move the start times of Years 1 and 2 to after 9 o'clock as currently both myself and Mrs James are needed to supervise drop offs and collections for each key stage. I hope to revert to the original timetable when things are settled. I will review how things go at collection times this week and may need to slightly alter collection times for key stage 1 temporarily as well.



If - due to these necessary changes - you now need breakfast club or after school club provision there are still a few spaces left in some classes. Please contact Miss Sims for more information.

I would also like to note how smart the children look in their uniforms. Thank you for supporting us in this. Please remember there is still spare uniform available – much of it in good or even excellent condition.

School has been deep cleaned over the summer and is looking amazing. I would like to thank Mr Franks and his premises team for all their hard work.

It has been a while since many of you have been to the school and it has been lovely to see you all again. Many of you have very kindly asked how my husband is, which reminds me what a wonderful caring community we have here at Holy Cross. Thankfully, he is nearly back to full health and finally strong enough to return to his work next week. As you can imagine, it has been a very hard 6 months for us in the Kingston household and our experience makes me all the more determined to keep reviewing practices and procedures constantly so that all of you and your families stay as safe and well as possible.

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 to all the wonderful staff here in school who always put the children first and have spent the summer preparing for their new classes.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.



Mrs Kingston.

