



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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14th August 2020

Dear Parents /Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. I am writing to inform you about all of the necessary arrangements to welcome your child back into school in September. We have worked hard over the last weeks to put this plan together in line with all statutory health and safety guidance and advice for schools.

All decisions have been taken with the upmost consideration and diligence as we look to ensure school is safe for all staff and pupils. In line with guidance, our start and finish times have been amended to ensure a staggered and safe opening and exit.

Principally, your child will remain in their year group bubble for the duration of their time in school. In line with guidance, interaction with children from other year groups will be restricted and in the majority of cases non-existent.

Our approach is to start with a cautious and sensible model for the first two weeks back and then look to build and amend timings and arrangements from week three onwards, once we can be sure that all are safe. Your child will take home an additional letter during their first week back that will inform you about all developments I am very pleased to write that despite heavy logistical pressures your child will still have access to a broad and balanced curriculum on their return to school life. Your child's year group will be in during the following times in the first two weeks:

Week 1 - 3rd September: Friday 4th September: 8.40 – 11.40

Week 2 - 7th September: Tuesday 8th September: 8.40 – 11.40 Thursday 10th September: 8.40 – 2pm

Other things to consider to ensure safety are as follows:

- **If your child is displaying any kind of symptom, they must now stay at home for 10 days and isolate. If a member of your household is displaying any symptoms, the whole family must stay at home and isolate for 14 days. In both instances, contact your families GP to book a test within 5 days of displaying symptoms**
- **If you have multiple children in different year groups who travel to school together provision will be put in place to support these youngsters even where year group timings differ; essentially siblings can still travel to school together at the start and end of the day where applicable**
- **Your child will be briefed in all social distancing and hygiene measures that school have put in place during their first day back in school; hand sanitiser will be provided in school and available in every classroom, however, pupils are also permitted to bring their own supply**



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- Due to health and safety regulations it is vital that parents are to remain socially distanced and outside the school gates to avoid social gatherings; parents must call school first to make a designated appointment
- Please be mindful that at no point should parents spontaneously arrive at school looking to collect their child without prior warning; if the child has an appointment school needs to be made aware of this at least 24 hours in advance. This message can be communicated by phone or through written correspondence with all relevant information and documentation being shown to their Form Tutor at least 24 hours before the appointment
- During the first two weeks back the pupils are to bring a packed lunch to school which they will consume in their year group bubble. If your child is normally in receipt of Free School Meals a packed lunch will be provided for them in school daily. It is hoped and expected that pupils will have access to hot food and canteen provision later in this first half term, once we can be sure it is safe for them to do so
- For clarity pupils are expected to wear their normal school uniform, including their blazer and tie. Previously it had been thought that there may be changes to this but now we are clear that we are to proceed as normal with uniform and likewise all pupils are to bring their school bag, a clear pencil case and equipment as they normally would. Further guidance regarding PE kit and provision will be given in another letter during the first two weeks back in school
- In line with guidance large groups of children in inside spaces will not be permitted until further notice. Assemblies and worship will be delivered virtually to smaller groups
- Clearly even at this stage we may still need to adapt and be flexible should further information be provided that is outside of our control, if this is the case you will be notified immediately
- Pupils need to arrive and depart as close to the exact timings as possible; until further notice there will be no extracurricular provision after school, no detentions after school and no school trips, this will be reviewed as the year progresses
- Pupils should avoid using public transport where possible; if pupils are to use public transport they are required to wear a mask unless exempt for medical reasons



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This is without doubt the greatest challenge ever faced in an educational setting in this country. We are not remiss about any detail even if it is a small or minor one, we are taking the upmost care with all decisions being taken in the interests of pupil and parent well-being despite enormous challenge. I am comforted in the knowledge that our strong parental partnership will continue to flourish during these unprecedented times. We are as a school community excited to be welcoming children back to learn again and take great pride in the contribution we aim to make towards their continued growth and development. Please keep our community in your thoughts and prayers as we negotiate this huge challenge together.

Should you require any further information please contact the school by e-mail info@holytrc.bham.sch.uk or phone only. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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