



*'To grow in wisdom and grace.'*

Friday 1st May 2020

## Holy Family Catholic High School Weekly Bulletin

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### Updates...

- ◆ The latest government briefing has said more details for plans to ease lockdown will be announced next week. This should give us an indication of the timeline and arrangements for schools reopening.
- ◆ Staff are continuing to make phonecalls this week to check in with all our students and their families.
- ◆ We are acting on the feedback from parents and students to 'tweak' our learning package. It has been great to hear how many of our students have become more independent and organized this week!
- ◆ The laptops from the government for eligible students will not be in schools until the end of May/June.
- ◆ We have started to distribute our repurposed devices to families who have requested that additional devices would help facilitate learning.
- ◆ The Free School Meal voucher scheme has added more stores. If you are having any issues please alert us through our enquiry email.

[enquiry@hollyfamilycarlton.org](mailto:enquiry@hollyfamilycarlton.org)

To celebrate the Year of the Word, The Diocese of Leeds Year of the Word has launched a new Bible-based activity: Window on the Word. Simply take a digital picture (or draw one!) of whatever you can safely see through your window, inside your home, or from your garden, and email it to [enquiry@hollyfamilycarlton.org](mailto:enquiry@hollyfamilycarlton.org) – captioned with the Chapter and Verse of whatever lines from Scripture the picture brings to mind, or the thoughts and feelings it brings to mind. The pictures will be published on the Year of the Word Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/yearofthewordleeds/> and potentially wider.



Great work and fantastic collaboration with HFS, Read School and Tadcaster Grammar for something so worthwhile, these child friendly visors are amazing. Delivered to Northfield surgery for their baby clinic, and Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Many more orders coming in! Thanks for all your donations.



### Student News and Updates

We are extremely proud of you all for adapting to home learning. We know that it is not the same as being in school and you will be missing the constant support and guidance from your teachers that you have in your normal lessons.

If there has been any work that you do not understand please do not worry. When the government and the local authority start their plans for students returning to school we will be ready to help all of you to catch up. All we ask is that you try your best!

*"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." ~ Mark Twain*

*"It always seems impossible until it is done." ~ Nelson Mandela*

Jesus, Lord and friend,  
in this third week of Eastertide  
help me to be as your early followers,  
to have my life be an example  
of your Word at work in our world  
today. Amen

**Live Mass:** Leeds Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Leeds, is live-streaming Mass and Devotions daily via its new YouTube Channel, Leeds Cathedral Live: [www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk](http://www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk)

### Happy News...

Our love and congratulations to Mrs Green and her family on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl.

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**Supporting Online Learning**

**Safeguarding and well-being**

*'Together we step out in faith, knowing that Christ is  
with us and united as a holy family.'*

## Safeguarding & Well-Being

An addendum has been added to The Holy Family Catholic High School Child Protection Policy to cover this period of school closure. The policy is displayed on the school website: <http://www.holyfamilycarlton.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID19-Addendum-03.04.20-.pdf>

## Supporting Online Learning

As ever we are grateful to all of you for your putting so much into supporting the efforts being made to provide our students with an online curriculum. Despite the name, GCSEPod is for **all students**, and whilst virtual classrooms can never fully replace the classroom with the encouragement and expertise our teachers provide, GCSEPod allows them to plan and provide video lessons and online assessments. This is replicating a classroom experience, currently being accessed over 500 times per day! A reminder of how to access GCSEPod, Kerboodle and Classcharts can be found at the side of this page.

You might have noticed that some lessons are now being set by teachers other than your child's subject teachers, and each week, rather than lesson by lesson. This is to allow students and parents greater flexibility to follow their timetable if preferred, or choose to work at different times throughout the week to free up time and resources at home between family members. You will also have seen that subjects are setting additional, and optional, 'Stretch & Challenge' lessons on ClassCharts. These are to allow students the opportunity to take part in some work of greater depth, or pre-learning in preparation for future studies.

As many of you are aware, staff have been contacting parents and guardians to ensure we are doing all we can to support the learning and well-being of students whilst they are accessing our online package. Over the coming week we are hoping to complete this task of contacting all of you for a catch-up chat and to highlight to us any concerns you or your child may be experiencing. This will also provide an opportunity for a brief discussion regarding how your child has been doing in school this year.

**Student Wellbeing:** If a pupil wishes to access support, or there are any concerns regarding the welfare of our young people, please contact

Or access the following resources:

NSPCC NetAware provides a useful guide to social networking

National Online Safety have produced a series of top tips guides to support remote learning

Thinkuknow is the education programme which protects children, online and offline

Childnet has a Parent and Carer Toolkit designed to help you talk to your child about their online life

Kooth: Free, safe and an anonymous online support for young people.

**How to support children with their mental health during the Covid 19 outbreak**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>



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4. Enter your parent access code and name
5. Choose a password
6. Click Log-in!



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