



Friday 18th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy and productive week as staff and students navigate the 'zoned' layout of the school and adapt to the staggered breaks and lunches! It is great to see our students engaged in their learning in classrooms and showing respect for staff and each other by following our protocols to keep everyone safe. We thought it would be useful to go through some common questions and our responses from this week.

Is Holy Family having an 'Open Day' for Y6 and their parents to see the school?

With the current restrictions we are preparing a 'virtual' open event in October as well as inviting Y6 and their parents to book on safe, socially distanced, 'after school' tours. Letters have been sent to all our feeder primary schools for parents of Y6.

If you have not received a letter and would like further details, please email:

admissions@holyfamilycarlton.org

What kit can students wear on PE days?

Students can wear our Holy Family PE kit **or** plain black/blue leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a plain white top.

If students want to wear a jumper, they can wear a plain black sweatshirt. No logos are allowed and no hoodies. Many of our students have been wearing their blazer over their kit on colder days.

Do students have access to water during the day?

We have removed our water fountains due to Covid restrictions but students can fill up their water bottles at break and lunch from the water jugs in the dining hall. We ask that they sanitise their hands before doing this.

How should students pay on the Swayne buses?

The Swayne buses have singles tickets for £2 each way, daily return tickets for £4 and a weekly ticket for £20.

Can lunches be paid for, in advance, through parent pay?

At the moment, this is not possible; but we are hoping to have the cashless system installed soon! This has been delayed due to coronavirus. We will let you know when the system is up and running.

How do I access Classcharts to check homework and work set when self-isolating?

We are reissuing log in details next week to parents and students.





What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus at the school?

If any of our staff or students are confirmed cases, we will contact a dedicated phone line to the Department for Education who will risk assess each case and decide, with us, which 'close contacts' have to self-isolate. We will then contact those affected with information and guidance. A letter will also be sent to parents of those **not affected** to avoid any confusion about school attendance.

When should my child self-isolate?

Your child must self-isolate immediately if:

- he/she has symptoms (high temperature, a new, continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste)
- he/she has tested positive for coronavirus – this means he/she has coronavirus
- he/she lives with someone who has symptoms or who has tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- he/she is told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace
- he/she arrives in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk

Other news...

Next week we welcome the staff from 'Wellbeing in Mind' who will be based in school, working with staff and students in collaboration with our pastoral team.

I hope that these updates are useful and I personally thank you for your support, as always...

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

Please do not hesitate to contact us on enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org if you have any issues. Keep us informed if your child has coronavirus symptoms and let us know if they have to self-isolate for any reason so that we can continue to support their learning. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and remember 'Hands, Face, Space'!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher