



Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for your measured, supportive approach and your communication with school if your child has been unwell with either a cold or symptoms of Covid-19 in the last three weeks. We know how frustrating it has been to access tests and we appreciate you keeping us updated. The following link takes you to a letter about Covid testing from Public Health England to parents/guardians

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>

We have made some further changes to minimise close contacts in classes and to reduce the number of students who will need to self-isolate if we have a positive case. Students have been informed of these changes this afternoon.

Here are a few of the questions and responses that we feel will be helpful from this week.

How is the school ensuring that gaps in learning are identified and covered?

All subjects have 'recovery plans' in place to ensure gaps in knowledge and skills are identified and addressed.

To keep parents up to date with specific plans in each subject area, our curriculum leaders have prepared letters that we will be sending out over the next few weeks.

Year 6 Applications

My friend wants to send her child to Holy Family. Do pupils have to be Catholic?

No, students do not have to be baptised or have attended a Catholic school to join us at Holy Family. We currently have sufficient places for students from local Catholic primary schools and non-Catholic schools. Please see our admissions policy on our website.

When is your 'virtual open event' launch?

We have confirmation that our 'virtual open event' will be launched on **15th October!** Anyone interested should contact admissions@holymfamilycarlton.org We have delivered letters to all local primary schools with information on how to register for the launch. We still have some places available for socially distanced tours of the school site and will add more dates to accommodate demand.

I have already applied for a place for my child at the school. Do I still have to register for the event?

We request that you email us on admissions@holymfamilycarlton.org to say that you are applying so we can ensure you receive up to date information.

Does my child have to attend a North Yorkshire School primary school to apply?

No, we have students on roll from North Yorkshire, East Riding, Wakefield and Leeds. Our catchment area spans parts of all of these local authorities.

How do I apply for a place?

Applications should be made through the local authority portals.





What are the plans for remote (home) learning and the online classroom?

Pupils have been sent home with a personalised letter today from Mr Moran giving further information and reminders of access codes.

Update on Y11 Results and Improved Outcomes

For the second year running, our outcomes at Holy Family show attainment exceeding national averages and improved progress in all areas:

- Above national average % of students achieving strong passes (5 and above) in both English and Maths
- Language students achieving progress results in the top 20% of schools nationally.
- 95% of our triple scientists achieving passes at grade 4 and above.
- Over a quarter of our students achieving an average of grade 7 and above across all their subjects!
- Improved progress in all subject areas.
- Students with SEND achieving 100% pass rates in courses entered at entry level, level one and level two.
- Our disadvantaged students achieved improved positive progress across all their subjects.

We are really proud of our Y11 students, who left this summer, and how they have 'grown in wisdom and grace' while in our care.

The rapid improvements we have made in the last two years show the commitment and dedication of the team here, our wonderful students and the support and encouragement from everyone in our community.

I am very proud of the staff and students of Holy Family and of the community we serve. (#proudheadteacher).

Have a lovely weekend everyone, we include our school prayer for everyone in our community.

**God you have made us your Holy Family,
with Christ, the Church and each other.**

In Jesus may we learn the joy in forgiveness;

Mary the Mother of God let us find comfort through our love of others;

May the example of Joseph help us grow as we serve.

Make our family an instrument of your peace, guided by your wisdom and strengthened by your grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher

