



Friday 2nd October

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been asking our students this week how they have found the transition back to daily school life. Some students really like the split breaks and lunches because it is less crowded; others miss the 'hustle and bustle' of school. Some like being in the same rooms and areas as it saves time and they feel more 'together' in a year group; others miss seeing the different areas of the school.

All of them have said that they understand why it has to be like this at the moment. We are taking feedback every day and our wonderful students are just 'getting on with learning', which is great to see.

One of our students commented: "We need to keep being sensible so people are safe, we need to learn as much as we can and enjoy our time with our friends. It is just common sense really." Exactly right, it is!

School News

Holy Family Carlton Facebook

We have set up a facebook page to help us send out regular information and links. Initially we are using facebook to promote our 'virtual open evening' which goes live on 15th October at 5pm. This is in addition to our Twitter page.
Facebook: Holy Family Carlton
Twitter: @HFCarlton

Site Work - School Fencing

We have secured funding, through the Diocese of Leeds, to further protect our site with boundary fencing and gates off Longhedge Lane. This work will start next week and be completed by half term. The contractors will ensure that 'drop-off' and 'pick-up' times are not disrupted.

Learning Plans

You will have received some letters already from our curriculum leaders detailing the learning plans for this year. More will follow in the next few weeks. We thank you for your support in ensuring your child maximises their learning both in and out of school.

Combined Cadet Force

Our Combined Cadet Force restart training on our site next week and we will be starting a recruitment process with our current Year 8 students after half term with the aim for them to start with CCF at the end of January 2021.

PE Lessons

It has been great to see football and netball reintroduced this week in some PE lessons, following the Health & Safety guidelines. This supports the well-being of our students both physically and mentally.

'Pre-school provision' and after school 'Homework Club'

Just a reminder that school is open to students from 8am and our homework club is open until 5pm. You do not need to book into these. The homework clubs are based in computer rooms with access to printers.





Uniform

95% of our students are following our uniform expectations. We thank you for making this happen.

For the few who are not, we have reminded them that, from Monday, students will be required to remove any 'hoodies' and/or clothes with 'logos' and they will be loaned appropriate items of uniform to wear.

If there are any individual difficulties, please get in touch so that we can arrange the loan of appropriate uniform items. Please email: enquiry@holymfamilycarlton.org

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

We have attached a letter with information on our PSHCE programme and the resources we are piloting for RSE. We will be trialling some resources and consulting all stakeholders during the course of this year to adopt an appropriate RSE policy for September 2021. If you would like to be involved in our working party, please let us know!

We thank everyone for using 'common sense' and for respecting each other. We have spoken to our students about the continued need to be 'mindful' of other people's thoughts and feelings on the subject of the pandemic, staying safe and having a positive attitude to learning.

In my welcome to the Holy Family School, I always say...

"We encourage all our students to use their God-given talents to be the best that they can be and as a result, pupils leave with the qualifications, key skills and attributes that they need to not only prosper personally but also, to contribute to society and to the common good."

Our students show us the strength of their talents every day and contribute to a strong community spirit. Their random acts of kindness and the way that they help and support others is truly inspiring.

I wish all of our community a relaxing weekend.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher