



31 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the late announcements yesterday we have revised our plans in line with the government guidance. This is the most current information we have and, as always, we will update you as more information comes through.

Phased Start to Spring Term

From Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January:

Children of critical workers and vulnerable students can attend school.

If you are a critical worker and now need provision for your child following yesterday's announcement please email enquiry@holycarnton.org by noon on Sunday 3rd January. If you had already asked for provision you do not need to contact us again and your child should attend as normal on Tuesday 5th January.

We have already contacted parents of vulnerable students in Y7 to Y10, we will be contacting parents of vulnerable students in Y11 before the 5th January to check what provision they need. If you have any concerns applicable to your personal situation regarding access to either remote or 'in-school' provision please email enquiry@holycarnton.org and we will get back to you before school restarts.

From Monday 11th January to Friday 15th January:

All Year 11 students should attend school along with the vulnerable and critical workers children in Y7-10.

From Monday 18th January:

All students should return to school.

Remote Education

We will send out information on access to remote learning for all year groups on Monday 4th January.

Answers to other queries

- Parents/carers of students who are entitled to free school meals and are not in school will receive a supermarket voucher for those days. These will be sent out next week.
- The local authority have informed us that school and public transport should be running as normal but please be mindful that services may be slightly before or behind schedule.
- Our school canteen will be open for students in school for break and lunch.
- Students in school should attend in full uniform and PE kit on PE days.
- Before school provision will continue to be from 8am, after school provision for the next two weeks will be from 3 till 4.

Mass Testing Programme

As mentioned in previous correspondence we have a series of online meetings and webinars arranged by the government and local authority next week which should give us more guidance and expectations as well as the logistical details. We will let you know more about our plans as soon as we can in January. In the meantime, from the start of next term, we will continue to implement the safety measures we have been using in the autumn term.





I personally would like to thank all the staff who have worked through the holiday to contact parents, plan 'in-school' and remote learning and respond to the constantly changing guidance. Everyone at Holy Family is committed to going 'the extra mile' for our wonderful students and it is a privilege to be part of such a great team. Thanks also to parents and carers for your resilience and all your kind words and support. I will continue to co-ordinate our plans over the next few days as further information comes through and will communicate with staff to ensure robust plans are in place.

Last Sunday was our Holy Family Feast Day in the liturgical calendar and we were reminded of the importance of 'family' and of a loving home.

We send all our love and best wishes to our Holy Family community for 2021. Have a safe and happy new year!

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D Mitchell
Headteacher

