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Blended Learning & Online Classroom

Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to start by thanking you and all our students for the positive return to school and with an equally positive work ethic. Students across all year groups have returned 'ready to work', demonstrating this through the high standards of uniform and behaviour we have witnessed.

Having learned a great deal during the last term about online learning and the benefits of this, we will be blending this approach into our classroom teaching. Therefore, homework will be set for all students using the platforms on the reverse of this letter, with the expectation that work will be completed and submitted online. We recognise that this may be difficult for some families and we will endeavour to continue providing support or alternatives where we can.

As some students may be required to self-isolate for short periods over the coming weeks and months, we will continue the majority of their learning online. This will apply for students who are asked to isolate following a confirmed case within their household, or have been contacted by track & trace, including via school. Self-isolating students will access lessons and support materials provided by their teachers during the time they are absent.

Students who are at home for one or two days, and able to work, should access work from the government's online school, Oak Academy. This provides a series of lessons across most subjects and topics, including resources, quiz style tests and video lessons from qualified teachers. Whilst these are not bespoke, they are ideal for overcoming short-term interruptions to school.

Parents and students will recognise many of the apps and resources we use from the period when school was closed to most students, and from before this when they were used primarily to supplement homework. These include GSCEPod, Seneca, Office 365, White Rose Maths and Corbett Maths amongst others. We have also been trialling Microsoft Teams, to provide a more collaborative space for students to work together and share ideas.

These learning tools are now available to all students and parents via our ClassCharts App. Classcharts will remain our primary platform for our online classroom. Login details for online classroom resources the school has purchased are overleaf, with some being general teaching and learning tools, and others for specific subjects.

Students will be given tutorials on these tools to ensure that they are confident in using them effectively and independently. If you have any questions, comments or feedback following these tutorials, please do not hesitate to contact school via enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org.

Yours sincerely

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Holy Family Office 365 Account

Use your school email address and school network password to log in.

Classcharts

Classcharts is a platform which allows teachers to set work, including resources, *offer feedback directly to students* when they have *uploaded their work*, as well as providing a *direct messaging system between students and teachers, or parents and teachers*, for lesson related issues. For anything else please email; enquiry@hollyfamilycarlton.org

1. Download app from the app store, or open www.classcharts.com/parent/login
2. Enter your school email address
3. Choose 'I don't have an account yet'
4. Enter your parent or student access code and name
5. Choose a password
6. Click Log-in!



GCSEPod

GCSEPod allows students to watch podcasts for specific elements to support online lessons.

1. Go to www.gcsepod.com and click 'Login'
2. For Year 7 and new students, click "New Here? Get Started!" and select "Student"
3. Enter your name and date of birth, and 'Holy Family Catholic High School'
4. For all other students, your username is your school email address
5. Your password is 'password' and will need changing to something memorable



Microsoft Teams

For class conversations, file sharing, a collaborative class notebook, or even a meeting.

1. Go to <https://teams.microsoft.com>
2. Your username is your school email address
3. Your password is the same as your school network password



Seneca

An online teaching platform which allows Holy Family teaching staff to monitor students' work.

1. Go to <https://senecalearning.com/>
2. Create an account with your school email
3. Set your own password



White Rose Maths

White Rose Maths provides 'a mastery approach' from a team of highly experienced experts.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning>



Corbett Maths

Access to 1000's of maths resources, videos, worksheets, 5-a-day and revision cards.

<https://corbettmaths.co.uk/>



Oak Academy

The government online classroom with access to lessons by subject and year group, for students who are absent for a day or two.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/year-groups>

