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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start back this week! Our amazing students have settled well into school life and are glad to be back with their friends and teachers. Attendance has been excellent with over 98% of our students in school. We are continuing to support the learning of Clinically Extremely Vulnerable students and any students who have to self-isolate through our online lessons.

Our lateral flow testing team are doing a great job ensuring that our students are supported and are on track to complete the three 'in-school' tests by the end of next week. After their third test, students will be issued with an initial testing kit. Instructions will be included along with information on how often they should be testing. Further test kits will be given out, as and when, we receive them from the DFE.

We have continued with all our safety protocols in school, in line with DFE guidance, and we are grateful to all students and staff for following them. Our students are wearing face masks around the building and in classrooms (unless exempt). They have all done this in a mature and sensible way.

Lots of our students are receiving praise points every day. You will be notified of these and any sanctions they receive on the Parent App. This is a really good way of school and parents working in partnership to reward our students and deal with any issues straight away. The large majority of parents now have the App. If you have not yet registered or are struggling to access this, please get in touch.

Through Parentpay, you now have the opportunity to use our cashless catering system. Again, lots of you have started to use this and we have had lots of positive feedback. The caterers are still accepting cash but we hope that the cashless system will be used by the majority of our students in the future. If you are not sure how to use the Parentpay system, please contact our enquiry email and someone will contact you to help. [enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org](mailto:enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org)

Our Y10 virtual parent's evening is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Details have been sent to parents. If you need any help in setting up the appointments please let us know.

Our spiritual life in school over the next couple of weeks will focus on Lent and we will be encouraging our community to reflect and look positively towards the future.

Please be aware that from next week, our weekly updates and future newsletters will come through the Parent App but will also be on our website under 'Our News'.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for ensuring that your children have returned with an excellent standard of uniform, fully equipped and with suitable face masks. It has been lovely to see them enjoying social times with their friends and watching them get back to learning in classrooms with their teachers. We love having them back in school! I hope you all have a peaceful weekend,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D Mitchell  
Headteacher

**'I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.' Ephesians 1:16**