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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a real community effort! We thank all of you for your support and common sense as we navigated the 'track and trace' system for schools.

We took the sensible approach to move to online learning for Y9 and Y10 as we had identified at least three quarters of each year group to self-isolate as close contacts of positive Covid cases. For some Y9 students, we are still waiting for confirmation of PCR tests before we can say who needs to continue self-isolating. We will inform Y9 parents as soon as we receive any information.

Our Y7 and Y8 students are in school as normal.

Due to the number of cases in North Yorkshire, the public health team have asked that all schools keep their risk assessments in place and continue to contact and trace next week. If your child tests positive, you do need to let school know as soon as possible, either by phone during the school day or by email on enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org.

The swift action of parents over the weekend and this week has been fantastic and has helped to reduce the number of positive cases in school. If you have any queries or need support please get in touch. The contact tracing system is complex so please ask if you are unsure.

Other news...

- Summer 'Free School Meal' vouchers – these will be emailed over the next week to our current eligible families. This includes our Y11 who have just left. Y6 students who are due to move to Y7 in September will receive these from their primary school.
- Homework club is cancelled on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July. We thank all our staff who have supervised this popular club. This provision will continue next year along with our morning club from 8am.
- This week it was lovely to see Father Wilson who came in to say prayers and return the Blessed Sacrament to our chapel. Our chapel is at the heart of our school and we will continue to offer our prayers and intentions for all those in need.

September

Next week we will be sending you reminder information for September. We will no longer be in zones from September and teachers are looking forward to having their own classrooms again!



Our student leadership team and school council have been asked to gather votes from our students on some aspects from this year that they may like to keep.

We have asked them if they would like to keep:

- * Staggered breaks and lunches
- * Wearing school PE kit on PE days

We will finalise these decisions and let you know next week. If parents have any preference or thoughts please contact us via our enquiry email (by 3pm on Tuesday 20th July). Please put 'FAO Mr Devlin' who oversees our student leadership programme. Thank you.

Lateral Flow Testing

We have been asked to offer on site 'lateral flow testing' in September before our students return. You will be contacted next week with a link for you to give your consent. Only the students who have this consent will be tested. We will then be able to send you dates to book a slot for the first test.

Reminder of Key Dates:

Wednesday 21st July – Year 10 Parents evening (online)

Friday 23rd July – finish for the summer holiday at the normal time (3pm)

Finally, many parents have been in touch to ask me to thank teaching and support staff for the online parents evenings and also for quickly switching to a mixture of 'in class' and online learning this week. #proudheadteacher

Psalm 46:1-3 'God is our refuge and strength.'

Have a great weekend everyone, one week to go!

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher