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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year at Holy Family. The summer holidays allowed students (and staff) the opportunity to rest and recharge ahead of the new school year.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Year 7 students, who have joined our Holy Family community, and we look forward to an exciting journey of learning and growth together.

One update I would like to share with you is the introduction of our revised school planners. These planners have been designed to enhance the learning experience for our students and provide a useful resource for both students and parents.

The weekly diary pages have been updated; there is now extra space for virtues to awarded, behaviour comments to be added and the general notes section has been enlarged so communication can be made between home and school. It is important that the planners are signed in the notes section on the weekly dairy pages, by yourselves as parents on a weekly basis.

At Holy Family, we believe that a respectful and focused classroom atmosphere is essential for every student's educational progress. Details regarding classroom expectations can be found on Page 7 of the planners, this includes the C1-C4 system.

I would like to draw your attention to Page 8 of the planners, where you will find information about our new HFS rewards program. This program has been implemented to recognise and celebrate student achievements, further motivating our students to excel in their studies and personal development.

Stamps are being used by staff to recognise effort, excellent work and other positive acts. These stamps should be visible on the weekly diary pages.

Virtue points are awarded in lessons for:

- V1 Self-Regulation (positive behaviour & attitude)
- V2 Love of Learning (knowing how to learn effectively and taking pride in achievements)
- V3 Resilience (overcoming setbacks in lessons) *Teacher stamp in student planner may be awarded.*
- V4 Reflection (improving future work) *Teacher stamp in student planner may be awarded.*

In line with our commitment to excellence, we emphasise the importance of 100% attendance for all our students. To help students track their attendance, we have included a dedicated section, Page 17, in the school planners where they can monitor their own attendance. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success and ensures that your child gets the most out of their education.

At the start of the year, we work especially hard to reinforce our expectations relating to uniform with our students and we very much appreciate parental support in this area. Uniform is an excellent way to set high expectations and to ensure students are focused on their learning which we know is what parents and our community want from our school.



Please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for school and that you reinforce our expectations.

Clarification on uniform expectations:

- Plain black leather/leather-look shoes and no logos.
- Make-up should be applied discreetly, if at all, during school hours.
- Fake tan is not permitted in school and it's essential to avoid applying it close to the return to school date, ensuring a natural and appropriate appearance.
- False or coloured nails and false eyelashes are not allowed
- Jewellery: Small, round gold or silver studs in ears only.
- Piercings (facial & body), rings, bands, necklaces, and bracelets are NOT permitted.
- Logos and brands are NOT permitted on any PE kit items other than the school logos.

Please be aware that failing to comply with the uniform policy will result in a loss of break and lunch until issues are resolved. Students who refuse to comply will be treated as defiant and be dealt with in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

A reminder that, on those days when students are timetabled to have PE, students should come to school wearing their PE kit. This will ensure a smooth transition into their PE lessons.

If students wish to wear the skort for PE lessons, they must come to school in leggings or jogging bottoms.

They will then be able to change into the skort in the changing rooms at the start of their PE lesson. On days where your child does not have PE, your child is expected to wear school uniform as detailed above and as per the guidance available on our website and in student planners.

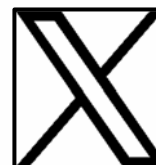
To stay updated on your child's timetable, achievements, conduct and attendance, we strongly encourage you to download the EduLink App. The App is an invaluable tool for communication between the school, parents and students. We will be using the App to provide important updates, so please keep an eye on the noticeboard section for the latest news and announcements. Log-in information has been sent to your assigned email address.



Your child was given a sticker, that was placed in their planner, which contains their network log-in information, email address and ClassCharts code. A letter was sent home with your child today with the parent code for ClassCharts. Please use this to track homework information.



Furthermore, we invite you to follow our X (Twitter) account, @hfcarlton, where we regularly share updates about the school and celebrate the achievements of our students. It's a great way to stay connected with the Holy Family community and witness the wonderful accomplishments of our students.



As we embark on this new school year together, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support. We are committed to providing the best educational experience for your child and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure their success.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk. Please note the new email address. Our letterhead is currently being updated.

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

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Wadsworth'.

Mr Wadsworth
Head of Inclusion

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