



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Again, a huge thank you to everyone for supporting the systems put in place to meet the government's guidance. We have been very impressed by how the pupils have settled into school life in such a short space of time. This week we have started to review and set targets for each of the children for the end of their key stage. We have also started some baseline assessments which we will use in an analytical way to identify any gaps in the pupils learning and target our provision to close them. All the assessments should be finished by next Friday and we will spend the following week in Pupil Progress review meetings to finalise any support needed and plan for the next block of learning.

The Governors had their 1st full FGB meeting this week and are currently putting together a more formal questionnaire to seek your views and a means for you to be able to offer any suggestions you might like to put forward around our lockdown provision and current COVID-19 arrangements.

Thank you to everyone who has fed back verbally to us this week, we do take on board all that you say. Alongside your feedback we have been monitoring the current drop off and collection arrangements and would like to highlight the following points and adaptations with you.

- Please could pedestrians on Millfield Avenue use the south side (Bungalow Side) to walk up and down.
- Please could car drivers give priority to those on foot.
- Please stick to the 10mph advisory speed limit on Millfield Avenue and the School site.
- Please could you try and aim for your allotted drop off collection time. Anything we can do to reduce the number of adults on site is going to support the aim of reducing transmission.
- Please could adults in the carpark adhere to the government social distancing guidelines. (1m+ or 2m apart.)
- Please if you have driven wait in your car until your allotted drop off time.
- Please could you leave the school site as soon as you are safely able to do so after drop off.
- Please could pedestrians use the waiting area that we have created for you. (please observe social distancing)
- Please try to keep the lining up field entrance area free.
- Please do not enter the lining up field.
- Please could Y4 use the narrow entrance next to the pre-school bins when coming in to into the lining up field in the morning.
- At drop off the first class out will dismiss from the lining up field the second class out from the pedestrian gate.

COVID-19 School Start and End Times

Start times

- **Year 5 & Year 6** Start 8.25 am – 8.30 am End 2.25 pm
- **Year 3 & Year 4** Start 8.40 am – 8.45 am End 2.40 pm
- **Year 1 & Year 2** Start 8.35 am - 8.40 am End 2.50 pm
- **Reception** Start 8.40 am – 8.45 am End 3.10 pm

Further information about our current arrangements can be found in the Reopening Handbook. Available on the website

What to do if you think you have a suspected case of COVID in your household.

Call 111 or 119 if you require further guidance, advice or support around a suspected case.

The NHS website explains the steps you need to take if you suspect a case of COVID.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any of these symptoms please treat as a suspected case.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result. (Isolation is for 10 days from the start of the symptoms and 14 days for the rest of the household)

What happens at school? Please contact the school to let us know that you have a suspected case of COVID-19, we will advise you again of what steps you should take.

The school will notify the Isle of Wight health authority to say that we have received a report of a suspected case.

When you receive your test results please contact the school again to let us know the outcome. If it is negative then isolation can stop and carry on as normal. If it is positive then isolation needs to continue. The school will then contact Public Health England to report a confirmed case and receive additional support and guidance.

Once the isolation period is over you can stop self-isolating and return to normal.

Other websites you might find useful in managing your decision to send your child to school are

Managing Infectious diseases. Government website

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>

Is my child too ill for school? NHS Website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Term Dates

Development days, 2nd September, 21st & 22nd December, 18th & 21st June.

October Half term Holiday, 17th October - 1st November

Christmas Holiday, 19th December – 3rd January

February Half term Holiday 13th February - 21st February

Easter Holiday 27th March – 11th April

Summer Half Term Holiday 29th May – 6th June

Long Weekend (Disaggregated Days) 18th – 21st June

Summer Holiday starts 24th July

Prayer at Home, Ten:Ten - This year we are using the resources created by the company Ten:Ten to support our daily worship and prayer life in school. As part of their offer they produce a parent newsletter to support reflection at home. Link for the September newsletter is shared below and is now available through the school website.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

Prayer for the start of our new school year.



All-powerful God and Father,

I come to you now acknowledging my fear in this current crisis, praying for myself and my loved ones.

Keep us safe in your loving arms and defend us with your strength to save,

so that this hidden danger all around us will only be able to demonstrate your great mercy and forgiveness.

I ask this through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Menu Week Beginning Monday 14th September 2020

Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato with Potato Salad	Lemon Turkey Stuffed Pitta Pouch with Rice	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips
Summer Vegetable Risotto	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Five Bean Chilli with Rice	Cheese & Potato Wheel with Chips
Sweetcorn & Peas	Tomato & Onion Slaw Grated Carrot & Raisin Salad	Carrots & Cabbage	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans & Peas
Banana Chocolate Oaty Square or Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Marble Cake or Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit	Orange Drizzle Cake or Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit	Peaches & Ice Cream or Yoghurt/Fresh Fruit

Attendance

Congratulations to Year R & Y1 on 100% attendance this week.

This week's attendance for the whole school was 97.83%

Uniform

Please ensure all school uniform has your child's name inside, as well as a named water bottle in school. This will help to greatly reduce any 'lost property' occurring.

We have a wide range of Pre-loved uniform on sale. Please email admin@holycrossrcpri.iow.sch.uk if you would like to purchase any items. Please state the item(s) you require and size.

Gold Book Pupils

Congratulations and well done on all your achievements.

Year R

Congratulations to all of Reception for settling in really well and independently and also for staying for lunch this week and being really sensible.

Year 1

Layla Chapman – for her excellent work in Maths grouping different objects together.
Benjy Harvey – for his excellent writing in English.

Year 2

Jayden Calvert – for great mental maths. Jayden was able to quickly answer questions about place value in his head.
Harry Darby – for working hard to apply his phonic knowledge in his writing.

Year 3

Evelynn Harvey – for her great start to the year and her thoughtfulness and care in English.
Oliver Lewandowski – for fantastic learning behaviours in class and excellent problem solving in Maths.

Year 4

Harry Lacey – for working really hard to improve his handwriting. He listens carefully and tries to apply what he has learned in his work.
Logan Langstaff – for his excellent attitude to learning, he has worked really hard this week to learn his spellings and practise his times tables.

Year 5

Bailey Maguire – for resilience. He came into school even though he was finding things a little bit hard.
Ben McCormack – for being incredibly helpful in class and supporting his peers when they are finding things tricky.

Year 6

Darcey Pierce – for a really positive start to Holy Cross. Darcey has a brilliant attitude towards all her work and has developed some good friendships with others in her class.
Oliver McQuillan – for super community spirit. Oliver donated 10 inches of his hair to the Princess Trust. He raised £320 for both the Princess Trust and CALM (a men and boys mental health charity).

Fantastic Fox

A Huge Fantastic Fox **WELL DONE!**
to
Reception Class.



Mr Fox was very impressed to hear how hard they have been working. Mr Eccles told him that they were fantastic listeners when he read them some stories this week



We love hearing about what you have been up to outside of school. If you have done something you would like to share please email Mr Fox at

fantasticfox@holycrossrcpri.iow.sch.uk.

Please could you also let us know if you **do not** want us to share them on our Facebook or Website.



Best wishes

Timothy Eccles
Headteacher

Staying Safe

Isle of Wight Safeguarding Board - <http://www.iowscp.org.uk>

Childline - Childline.org.uk or 0800 1111

Samaritans call 116 123

National Domestic abuse helpline - 0808 2000 247.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help>

Online safety Links

Isle of Wight Safeguarding Board - <http://www.iowscp.org.uk>

NSPCC - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

Child Exploitation and Online Protection command - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Think U Know 5-7 year olds - https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/

Think U Know 8-10 year olds - https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

Think U Know Parents - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>