



Holy Family Catholic High School

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Dear Parent,

I hope you are all well and safe. At the end of our first full and very busy term of the year, I would like to thank all pupils, staff and parents for their support and cooperation. The children have been amazing, and I have been so impressed with how many of them have been involved in extra-curricular activities, something which we have all missed over the last few years.

I wanted to share with you a few key updates in readiness for the start of next term:

Tuesday 21st December - End of term arrangements for Years 7-10

- Pupils will have their first lesson as normal and then they will be based in their form classes. Activities will include: Christmas collective worship; Headteacher virtual assembly; and form tutor time/Christmas activities.
- Years 7 & 8 finish at 12.00pm
- Years 9 & 10 finish at 12.15pm

Wednesday 5th January – Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) in school

- If you have given consent, your child/children will come to school at an allocated time (see below) to take their test **and then return home**.
- Testing will take place in the Sports Hall. Pupils should enter the school site at the Reception entrance.
- If your child is coming in on the school bus, details of the times and pick-up points are on the [school's website](#). The school bus is available to all pupils to help them get to and from school free of charge. They must wear a face covering, unless exempt.
- If you are bringing your child to school, you can wait outside for them, the test does not take long.
- If you have children in different year groups, please bring them together and we will test them at the same time. If you are struggling to make one of the times below, please bring them when you can.
- They do not have to wear school uniform for this test but they must have a face covering (unless they are exempt).
- Year 7: Testing from 9.00am – 10.00am
- Year 8: Testing from 10.00am – 11.00am
- Year 9: Testing from 11.00am – 12.00pm
- Year 10: Testing from 1.00pm – 2.00pm
- Year 11: Testing from 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- Years 12 & 13: Testing from 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Thursday 6th January – start of term for all pupils (Week B, 8.45am start)

Key dates for next half-term

- Thursday 13th January - Years 12 & 13 Parents Evening ('School Cloud' parents evening system)
- Tuesday 18th January – Year 11 mock results day
- Thursday 27th January – Year 11 Parents Evening ('School Cloud' parents evening system)
- W/b Monday 31st January – Year 13 mock exams start
- Monday 7th February – Sixth Form Open Evening

Staffing update

We will be sorry to say goodbye at the end of term to Miss Higgins who has taught and supported lots of our children in Years 7 & 8. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her every success and happiness in her new school. Mrs Brookman will be returning to school in January after her maternity leave, and congratulations go out to Miss McKenna, who got married last weekend, and Mrs Mitchell who had a little boy earlier this month.

Foodbank and gift donations for Christmas

Thank you so much for your kindness and donations. This week we will deliver lots of food and gift hampers to families and charities in our community, and to the Whitechapel Centre in Liverpool. A special thank you to Silcox Villa Junior Football Club for their generosity and the beautiful gift hampers they donated.

Finally, I'm sure you will appreciate that things are changing all the time and I will keep you informed of any further updates as soon as I can. If you need us at any time over this period, please contact us and we will do all we can to help. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very merry and peaceful Christmas, and the very best for a happy New Year.

Best wishes and God Bless,

Mr Symes
Headteacher