



Holy Family Catholic High School

Virgin's Lane, Thornton, Liverpool L23 4UL.
Tel: 0151 924 6451 Fax: 0151 932 1417
Headteacher: Mr M Symes BA(Hons), NPQH

Friday, January 22, 2021

Dear Parent,

I hope you are all well and safe. This week's updates include:

Returning to school

Yesterday, the DfE announced that they will give parents and schools two weeks' notice before we reopen fully. I'll let you know as soon as we are informed.

Surveys

As well as Form Tutor calls home and feedback from pupils on Teams and in school, we are surveying all our pupils and staff this week about their experiences with remote learning so far. Next week we will send a survey out to parents.

Laptops & Internet Access

Recent national surveys have highlighted the need to have the right device to get the most from remote learning. Please contact your child's Progress Leader by email if they do not have access to the internet or a device/laptop that supports the Teams App and learning from home. We have a limited number of laptops to support you with this.

External summer exams cancelled for Years 11, 12 & 13

I sent a letter out earlier this week which confirmed that all public exams this summer have been cancelled and that Ofqual are consulting on what arrangements will be in place for determining how grades will be awarded in the summer.

In the meantime, pupils must focus on preparing for their mocks when they return to school and, if they are doing vocational qualifications, provide the evidence that their teachers ask for. I'll write again after the consultation period ends with further updates.

Lateral Flow Device (COVID) Testing - Changes

The DfE have made changes to testing for pupils and staff in school. Staff are now to be tested twice weekly and the pupils who are on site, and have given their consent, will be tested weekly.

The DfE have also temporarily 'paused' the daily contact testing element of the programme. This was an alternative to self-isolation for those who came into contact with positive cases in school. Pupils can no longer take a daily test for 7 school days, they must now isolate for 10 days.

Free School Meals for pupils in Years 7-13

If your child receives Free School Meals, you should receive an email with your voucher at the end of each week. Please contact us if you need any support.

Key Worker Provision

School will continue to stay open for vulnerable children and key worker children. If you need any information, please email Mr Westbury p.westbury@holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk.

Remote Learning timetables and reminders

These are at the end of this letter.

Thank you for your support, cooperation and feedback over the last two weeks. Please keep the feedback coming as it informs what we do. I also know how difficult it can be to support your child/ren and manage all other commitments, whilst trying to keep a calm and happy home! I hope you get some well-earned rest this weekend.

If you need us at any time, please contact us and we will do all we can to help.

Take care and best wishes,

Mr Symes

Remote Learning reminders

Remote learning timetable for w/b 25th January

- The timetables are the same as last week (with one little tweak for Year 10 on a Tuesday, Maths and English have swapped periods).
- Below are the timetables for next week. I will also put these on ClassCharts and send out to all pupils today.

Microsoft Teams and remote learning support

- All pupils have access to Office 365 and Microsoft Teams through their school email and they have all had remote learning lessons to prepare them for this eventuality. Your child's email address, in most cases, follows this format: year of entry, initial, surname @holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk (e.g. 18jbloggs@holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk).
- We also have a helpdesk to deal with any issues logging onto Teams or any other school app, password-reset@holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk
- The '[Online Learning](#)' section of our school website has parent information, instructional videos and support for pupils when they are learning at home.

Monitoring

- On Wednesday and Fridays, teachers will alert your child through Teams and ClassCharts if they have not yet completed their work. You can also monitor this through their, and your, ClassCharts App.
- If they are falling behind in a number of subjects, you may receive an email on a Wednesday and/or a Friday evening to alert you of this. This way you will know if your child is fully engaged with their remote learning programme.
- Your child's teacher can monitor how well they are engaging with their work through 'Insights' on Teams

Wellbeing

- Wellbeing activities will be set on ClassCharts every Wednesday for all year groups (Wellbeing Wednesday). We will also signpost pupils to websites that can support them.
- Each year group has two core PE sessions timetabled every week.
- Teachers will use merits and postcards in ClassCharts to reward and motivate your child.
- Each year group has a Wellbeing session timetabled every Friday. This will be from their Progress Leader (similar to an assembly) where they will share positive messages and words of encouragement, advice on how to stay organized and keep motivated and share any news that is relevant to their year group.
- Your child's Form Tutor will make a wellbeing call home every fortnight to see if they (and you) are okay and if you need our help in anyway.
- Your child can access their teachers through Teams and by email.
- If you have any concerns, please email their Form Tutor or Progress Leader, or you can call us in school during the day.

Year 7

Holy Family Catholic High School REMOTE LEARNING TIMETABLE



Year 7	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1 (9am start)	Science	RE	Geography	Maths	Art (H) Music (F)
Session 2 (10am start)	English	Drama (H) DT/Food (F)	Art (F) Music (H)	History	Drama (F) DT/Food (H)
Session 3 (11.15am start)	French or Intervention	English	Maths	English	Wellbeing
Session 4 (1pm start)	IT	Spanish	Core PE	Science	Core PE
Session 5 (2pm start)	Maths	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study

Year 8

Holy Family Catholic High School REMOTE LEARNING TIMETABLE



Year 8	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1 (9am start)	Drama (F) DT/Food (H)	English	Art (F) Music (H)	History	English
Session 2 (10am start)	French or Intervention	Spanish	Maths	Science	Art (H) Music (F)
Session 3 (11.15am start)	IT	Drama (H) DT/Food (F)	Geography	RE	Wellbeing
Session 4 (1pm start)	Maths	Maths	Core PE	English	Core PE
Session 5 (2pm start)	Science	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study

Year 9

Holy Family Catholic High School REMOTE LEARNING TIMETABLE



Year 9	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1 (9am start)	Option A	Option B	Maths	Option B	Option E
Session 2 (10am start)	Science (Physics)	English	Science (Biology)	Science (Chemistry)	English
Session 3 (11.15am start)	Maths	Option E	English	Maths	Wellbeing
Session 4 (1pm start)	RE	Option A	Core PE	RE / Intervention for 9S3	Core PE
Session 5 (2pm start)	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study

Year 9 Options

Option A	Option B	Option E
Art	Design	French
Business	Business	Spanish
Business Studies	Computer Science	Geography
Drama	Food Technology	History
Health & Social Care	History	Event Operations
iMedia	Music	
Spanish	PE	
Sports Studies	Sports Studies	
Separate Science		

Year 10

Holy Family Catholic High School REMOTE LEARNING TIMETABLE



Year 10	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1 (9am start)	English Lang	Option A	Science (Biology)	English Lit	Option E
Session 2 (10am start)	Maths	Option E	English Lit	Maths	Maths
Session 3 (11.15am start)	Science (Physics)	Maths	RE / <i>Intervention for 10S3</i>	Science (Chemistry)	Wellbeing
Session 4 (1pm start)	Option A	Option B	Core PE	Option B	Core PE
Session 5 (2pm start)	RE / <i>Intervention for 10S3</i>	English Lang	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study

Year 10 Options

Option A	Option B	Option E
Art	Design	French
Business	Business	Spanish
Business Studies	Computer Science	Geography
Drama	Food Technology	History
Health & Social Care	Geography	Event Operations
iMedia	History	
Sports Studies	Music	
Separate Science	PE	
	Sports Studies	

Year 11

Holy Family Catholic High School REMOTE LEARNING TIMETABLE



Year 11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1 (9am start)	Maths	Option E	English Lit	Science (Chemistry)	Maths
Session 2 (10am start)	RE / <i>Intervention for 11S3</i>	Maths	RE / <i>Intervention for 11S3</i>	English Lit	Option E
Session 3 (11.15am start)	English Lang	Option B	Science (Biology)	Option B	Wellbeing
Session 4 (1pm start)	Science (Physics)	English Lang	Core PE	Maths	Core PE
Session 5 (2pm start)	Option A	Option A	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study	Catch up / Independent study

Year 11 Options

Option A	Option B	Option E
Art	Design	French
Business	Business	Spanish
Drama	Computer Science	Geography
Food Technology	Health & Social Care	History
iMedia	History	Event Operations
PE	Music	
Separate Science	PE	
	Spanish	
	Sports Studies	