



Family Catholic High School

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Dear Parent,

I would like to thank you and the children for your fantastic support and cooperation this week. It's not been easy for any of us getting used to the new protocols and routines but the children have embraced them fully, have been respectful of each other's safety and learning and have had a really positive attitude to school. It has been great to see them all back in school this week.

I will keep you updated when there are any new developments or there is anything that needs reinforcing. This week's updates include:

Monday 14th September (Week A) INSET day

You should all have received an email/text reminding you that Monday is an INSET (training) day for staff. As well as staff training, we will have a film crew on site to help us create a 'virtual open day' for Year 6 pupils and their parents as current restrictions prevent us from having our usual open evening. Some children will be involved during the day, if this is the case they should have given you a letter asking for your permission. School starts back as normal on Tuesday.

Working together to minimize the risks:

Please make sure that that anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or has someone in their household who does, does not attend school – this means if your child, or someone in your household, has symptoms you should not send them to school. We sent an email out yesterday with an update from Sefton (and our interpretation of it) with guidance for parents.

Hands, Face, Space

Yesterday the government launched its new campaign to raise awareness of coronavirus safety measures as we move towards the cold winter months. You will find below a link to this latest information and videos. We will share this with students during tutor time as it conveys some important messages in very straight forward terms. [Hands, Face, Space](#)

Face coverings:

The children have been great and so compliant and supportive. Where possible, can you please make sure that your child has a spare face covering, just in case. Also, until we are fully into our routines, please remind them to bring their face coverings on days when they wear their PE kit. This week a few children had forgotten them as they had left them in their school uniforms.

Face coverings and the school bus:

Face coverings must be worn for the whole journey, failure to wear it may result in your child losing their place on the bus.

Appointments:

We strongly advise against any appointments taking place during the school day to further minimise the risk of transmission in/out of school. Where this is unavoidable, can you please try and see if they can take place at the beginning or end of the school day to avoid students coming in and out of school.

Snacks and Free School Meal allowances:

The canteen is now providing snacks at break time for the children to buy. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals we have increased the allowance from £2.40 to £2.70 per day. This now allows them to buy a piece of toast at break and a full meal at lunch time.

Thanks again for your patience and cooperation, we really do appreciate your support.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Symes