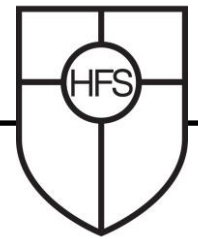


The Holy Family Catholic School



Our Ref: MHI/DK

19 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most students

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (as per the list published by the government) and children with certain needs.

It would help us if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories and you will need to send them into school. Please reply to this message giving details of your child's full name and date of birth. Please also let us know which category your child comes under.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text message and a message on the school website www.holyfamilyschool.uk.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child as much as we can in these difficult circumstances. In addition to the packs of work that have already been sent home with students, class teacher's will set work regularly via Classcharts. All students have been given a log in for Classcharts. We would ask you to encourage your child to complete all work set.

We have set up dedicated e-mail addresses which students can use to contact their teachers if they need to during the closure. These are as follows.

Drama	hfsdrama@holymfamilyschool.uk
English	hfsenglish@holymfamilyschool.uk
Film	hfsfilm@holymfamilyschool.uk
French	hfsfrench@holymfamilyschool.uk
Geography	hfsgeography@holymfamilyschool.uk
German	hfsgerman@holymfamilyschool.uk
Health & Social	hfshealthandsocial@holymfamilyschool.uk
History	hfshistory@holymfamilyschool.uk
ICT	hfsict@holymfamilyschool.uk
Maths	hfsmaths@holymfamilyschool.uk
Media	hfsmedia@holymfamilyschool.uk
PE	hfspe@holymfamilyschool.uk
Science	hfsscience@holymfamilyschool.uk
Social Sciences	hfssocialsci@holymfamilyschool.uk
Spanish	hfsspanish@holymfamilyschool.uk
Technology	hfstechonology@holymfamilyschool.uk
RE	hfsre@holymfamilyschool.uk

Students should use the e-mail address specific to the subject they are asking about and should enter their class teacher's name in the subject box. We aim to respond to all queries quickly however this may not be possible due to staff illness. If a response to any e-mail has not been received within 48

working hours then please contact the school on the following e-mail address and we will endeavour to respond as quickly as we can.

office@holyfamilyschool.uk

Can I please ask that the subject e-mail addresses are used first and the above is used as a last resort.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via

office@holyfamilyschool.uk.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hings', written in a cursive style.

M Hings
Headteacher