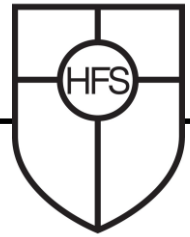


# The Holy Family



## Catholic School

7 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to write to you regarding a couple of matters, mainly to confirm some slight adaptations to school uniform arrangements as the weather becomes colder.

Due to us needing to keep all windows in the school open, to support good air circulation, as per the Covid 19 guidelines, it is sometimes proving difficult for us to keep the school as warm as we would like. Due to the colder temperatures now and the students moving around less than they usually would, we have decided to allow students to wear coats in classrooms and corridors over their **correct full uniform** if they wish. This arrangement will be in place until Spring 2021 – we will make a decision around then, based on the weather, on when we will stop allowing the wearing of coats inside as per our usual rules.

Students must continue to wear their **full correct uniform, including jumper and/or blazer** and may wear a coat over the top of it. Students must not have coat hoods up inside the building whether that is in a classroom or corridors. Hoodies, sweatshirts and any other non-uniform items are not allowed. If students are wearing coats they must ensure that if the coat is fastened their tie is visible so their year group can be clearly identified.

The coat rule also applies on the days students are wearing P.E. kit. They must wear **full correct P.E. kit** and then may wear a coat on top. To remind you, the P.E. kit requirements are as follows:

- School hoodie. We would ask that all students have a school hoodie. If they do not currently have one they may wear a plain navy or black sweat top until one is bought.
- School PE top.
- Plain blue or black tracksuit bottoms or school shorts (male)
- Plain black thick leggings, school skirt, school shorts or school leggings. (female)
- Any suitable training shoes.

This information will be shared with students in school via form time announcements and assembly. Please can you also share this information with your child(ren) to ensure they are fully aware of expectations.

Another matter to highlight is that we have noticed a number of parents are coming, both on foot and in cars, into the school car park, to meet students at the end of the day. While we understand you may wish to collect your child(ren) in person, please can we ask that you arrange to meet them on Spring Gardens Lane. This will help us to manage traffic congestion outside the school at the end of the day and also help us to support adequate social distancing where possible. Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation in relation to this.

As the local area remains in lockdown, we need to continue to be vigilant when it comes to monitoring and responding to symptoms of Covid 19 in our students and staff. With this in mind, can I please remind you of the following information.

As per the current NHS and government advice, you should keep your child(ren) at home for a period of 10 days if they develop coronavirus symptoms. Symptoms include a high temperature, a new continuous cough, and a loss of normal taste/smell. Where symptoms continue after 7 days, or begin to worsen, you should call 111. If someone in your child(ren)'s household has symptoms, your child(ren) must self-isolate for 14 days from the day the other person's symptoms started. This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear. More information regarding symptoms and actions can be found on the NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>).

The school will insist that any student or member(s) of staff who show any symptoms that may be compatible with Coronavirus, book a test immediately. Information on booking a test will be provided by the school and the student / member of staff will not be permitted to return until the test result is confirmed, and the period of isolation is complete.

If someone you or your child(ren) have been in close proximity to has tested positive for Coronavirus, you may be contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service. Information on the NHS Test and Trace service is available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youre-contacted-after-testing-positive-for-coronavirus/>

Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely



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