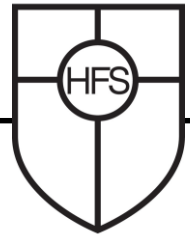


The Holy Family



Catholic School

Our Ref: SMA/DK

7 July 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

School re-opening week commencing Monday, 6 September 2021

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As you will be aware, the Education Secretary announced yesterday that we are able to welcome all students back to full time face to face teaching in September without most of the Covid-19 restrictions we have grown used to this year, which is great news.

Please can I ask that you read the following information carefully and in full. If, once you have done so, you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Attendance/Testing

Part of the condition of students returning to school without restrictions is that we carry out asymptomatic testing for Covid-19 in school. We are required to test each student on their return to school and then once more during the following 3 – 5 days. Following those two tests, the Government will be asking you to test your children at home twice weekly until the end of September when this will be reviewed. **Testing remains voluntary but is strongly encouraged.**

For students under the age of 16, we need parental consent prior to administering the tests. We will be in touch shortly with the required consent information and would ask you to complete the required consent for each child you have attending the school under the age of 16 and return it to us as instructed as soon as possible.

To enable us to manage the testing of students on their return to school, we will be staggering the return during week commencing 6 September 2021 as follows:

Monday 6 September – Staff Training Day – no students in school

Tuesday 7 September – all Year 7/12 students return to school from 8.35 am. Students will be given instructions regarding testing on their arrival. **Students in all other year groups should remain at home until their stated return date.**

Wednesday 8 September – Year 7/12 students attend as normal. All Year 11/13 students return to school from 8.35 am. Students in Years 7/12 will follow their normal timetable. Students in Years 11/13 will be given instructions regarding testing on their arrival. **Students in Years 8,9 & 10 should remain at home until their stated return date.**

Thursday 9 September – Year 7,11,12 & 13 students attend as normal. All Year 8 students return to school from 8.35 am. Students in Years 7,11,12 & 13 will follow their normal timetable. Students in Year 8 will be given instructions regarding testing on their arrival. **Students in Years 9 & 10 should remain at home until their stated return date.**

Friday 10 September – Year 7,8,11,12 & 13 students attend as normal. All Year 10 students return to school from 8.35 am. Students in Years 7,8,11,12 & 13 will follow their normal timetable. Students in Year 10 will be given instructions regarding testing on their arrival. **Students in Year 9 should remain at home until their stated return date.**

Monday 13 September – Year 7,8,10,11,12 & 13 students attend as normal. All Year 9 students return to school from 8.35 am. Students in years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 & 13 will follow their normal timetable. Students in Year 9 will be given instructions regarding testing on their arrival.

From Tuesday 14 September, all students are expected to attend school as normal. The second Asymptomatic Covid-19 tests will take place in line with Government guidance. You only need to provide consent once for all of the tests.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and please accept my apologies for any inconvenience these amendments to return dates for September cause. Hopefully, undertaking this Asymptomatic Covid-19 testing will enable us to get off to a really smooth and positive start to the new school year.

On behalf of the whole staff team here at The Holy Family Catholic School, I would like to pass on our thanks for all the support parents have given the students and the staff throughout this academic year and for your continued support going forward. I will be in contact again before the end of term to provide a final update, however I wanted to let you know about the change in September arrangements as soon as I could.

Yours sincerely



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