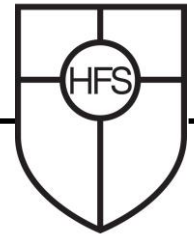


# The Holy Family Catholic School



Our Ref: SMA/DK

22 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As school finishes for the half-term break, I wanted to write to thank you for your support throughout the first half-term of the school year.

I am delighted with the way that the vast majority of students have returned to school with such a positive attitude and the way in which Year 7 and 8 have managed to find their way around the building so quickly. I am also very happy to see a large number of students taking advantage of our extra-curricular programme this half-term. Hopefully we will see even bigger numbers after the holiday.

Thank you to those of you who are regularly home testing your child(ren) for Covid 19. This home testing regime has helped us to keep numbers of positive Covid cases in the school down and has meant that we have been able to avoid moving to remote education for large groups of students this half-term. Please can I ask that you continue testing during the half-term break and deal with any positive test results as per the government guidelines. If your child(ren) return a positive LFD test result during the holiday, please arrange for them to take a PCR test. On receipt of a positive PCR result they will be unable to return to school until they have completed a period of 10 days isolation from the date of the onset of symptoms or a positive test whichever is earlier. If this situation arises, please let us know about any student absence as soon as possible.

You have also received information regarding Covid 19 vaccinations for your child(ren). If you would like your child(ren) to be vaccinated, please return the consent for to us as soon as possible if you have not already done so. If you have given consent, we will be in touch to let you know our allocated date for vaccinations to be administered once we have it.

May I remind you that there is lots of useful information regarding all aspects of school life on our website. In particular, there is a Safeguarding tab under the Parents and Students sections on the site. This section contains information which may be useful for people facing challenges at what continues to be a difficult time for many. There is also an option to report any concerns you may have. This facility will be monitored over the half-term holiday. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to.

We also make regular use of social media to share information regarding what is happening in the school. We have a school Twitter feed: @THFCS\_Official, and we have recently launched a school Facebook page; @HolyFamilyCatholicSchoolKeighley. Thank you to those of you who already follow us on social media and please consider doing so if you don't already.

Following the half-term holiday, school will re-open for a training day for staff on Monday, 1 November 2021 and all students are due to return on Tuesday, 2 November 2021. May I also remind you that as per our published holiday dates the school is closed to students on Friday, 25 November and Monday, 29 November.

I wish you and your families are safe and restful half-term break.

Yours sincerely



S Mather  
Headteacher