

17 July 2020

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility



Well we have finally made it and come to the end of what has been an unforgettable year! The teamwork and home school partnerships, which are such a solid foundation at Holy Cross have really been reinforced during these last few months. Thanks you for supporting your children so well at home with their distance learning and participation in whole school activities, whether virtually or in person.

A BIG thank you to this amazing staff team who have worked so hard keeping the school open and providing high quality education, wellbeing support and providing a vital service for our front line critical key workers. Holy Cross continuously went above and beyond government expectations and was creative in the activities and events organised during this period.

We look forward to welcoming the whole school back in September where we will adjust again to a 'new normal!' (Information was sent out via Parent Mail this week)

School will be officially closed (apart from Summer Camp) and staff will be enjoying a well-deserved break so will not be sending or responding to emails. Parents are reminded that in September, any communication with staff via email must be through the [enquiry@holycross-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@holycross-sch.net); parents must not contact staff directly. Thanks you for your cooperation in this matter.

*On a personal note, I want to say a very special thank you to Miss Crowley for her dedication and creativity as Head of School this year; she steered the Holy Cross ship very smoothly in extremely choppy waters!*  
Miss Cotter

**Thank you for your generous cards, gifts and kind words to all the staff. It is very touching that you appreciate that everyone works so hard to do the best for all our children. We truly are a Holy Cross family!**

**See you all on Wednesday 2 September!**

Dates for Diary - September 2020		
Tuesday 1 September	All Day	Inset Day
Dates for Diary - November 2020		
Friday 27 November	All Day	Inset Day
Dates for Diary - June 2020		
Monday 7 June	All Day	Inset Day



### Vacancy in Year 2 and Year 6

In September 2020 we will have a vacancy in Year 2 and Year 6.

If you would like to put your child on the waiting list, please contact the school office on (0121) 675 2158. Or complete and return the forms on our website, see link below. Please find Parents/Letters/Waiting List Documents. Thank you.

<https://www.holycross-sch.net/page/?title=Home&pid=1>



### Holy Cross PRA Preloved Uniform

Here is the link for the Holy Cross PTA Preloved Uniform Facebook page. Or you can search for

'Holy Cross PTA Preloved Uniform' on Facebook. You will have to be accepted by admin to join.

We are currently accepting donations and will plan to sell in the future and before the start of the next school year.

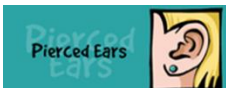
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/188317645920804/?ref=share>



### Change from Parent Pay to +Pay on Parent Mail - effective from September 2020

With effect from September 2020 We are going to be using +Pay on Parent Mail - an online payment service which allows you to pay for school items on your smartphone, tablets or computer, or on the free parent app, this will replace the current system of Parent Pay.

The school already uses Parent Mail to communicate with you, so there will be one less system you need to use. We will inform you about items you need to pay through Parent Mail, and you will be able to pay electronically, with money transferred directly into the school bank account - it's all very easy, safe and secure. Parent Mail doesn't store credit or debit card details and works in the same way as other large retailers who accept online payments.



### My Annual Reminder!

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced over the holidays, the beginning of the holidays is ideal as they will have the 6 weeks of wearing them and for skin to heal so that they are ready to be removed for PE and swimming in the Autumn term.



### Hairstyles

The Summer break is the time when children enjoy different hairstyles e.g. braiding, patterns cut into hair or especially for boys, stark contrast between shaven sides (no lower than a number 2 please) and longer hair on top. These styles are not acceptable for school so please ensure that by the 2 September children's hairstyles are in line with our School Uniform Policy - thank you.



### Ordering School Uniform

Parents are reminded that school uniform should be ordered as early as possible to avoid disappointment. As you can appreciate this will be an extremely busy time for our suppliers Clive Mark and Mapac.



### Summer Uniform

Reminder to parents when we return to school in September children are required to wear full summer uniform. They will change to winter uniform after October half term. Thank you for your support.



### Dinner Money

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£81.70 is Tuesday 22 September**; please make payment through Parent Pay. Thank you.



### Goodbye and Good Luck

We wish Year 6 all the best as they move on to their Secondary Schools.

This year we also say goodbye to many families who have been involved with the school for many years. They have supported all aspects of school life. We thank them for their loyalty and partnership throughout the years and hope that they will look back on many happy memories of their time at the Holy Cross.

Goodbye and thank you to the following families:

The Wootton Family  
The Woodall Family  
The Wolverson Family  
The Ward Family  
The Walsh Family  
The Shepherd Family  
The McGovern Family  
The Marklow-Bolding Family  
The Leydon Family  
The Iche Family  
The Hyland Family  
The Hibbard Family  
The Hamilton Family  
The Farrell Family  
The Cant Family  
The Bailey Family

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**Goodbye, Good Luck and Thank You to the Leavers of 2020**

Darren, Ruby, Mia, Thomas, Fraser, Olivia, Orlaith, Dylan, Olivia, Mollie-Mae, Eva, Eloise, Isla, Alicia, Sian, Francesca, Caitlin, Jake, Finbarr, Emma, Harry, Erin, Nevin, Eliza, Scarlett, Olivia, Christie, Joshua, Darcie and Ella.

On behalf of the Local Governing Board and Staff of Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, we thank you all for your support this year. We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful summer break.

I'm glad I was your teacher  
I've come to **LOVE** you so.  
I can't believe the end is here,  
I hate to see you go.  
You're such a **STAR**  
And I love you so dearly.  
You light up my life  
I mean that sincerely.  
Remember all the **FUN** we had  
In all things we did  
But most of all remember....  
You're a very **SPECIAL** kid!

Teacher at the beginning  
of the school year



Teacher at the end  
of the school year



Yours sincerely



Miss T Cotter  
Executive Principal



Miss K Crowley  
Head of School