

All Hallows Catholic High School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter No. 6 – Friday 16th November

Face Coverings

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and pupils that wearing a face covering in our corridors and internal spaces is now compulsory. We purchased two high quality face masks for each child and adult working on the school site. For pupils, this is now a required item of school uniform until further notice and sanctions may be given to those pupils who fail regularly to bring their masks or wear them correctly. In the event of a pupil forgetting a mask, his or her Learning Manager will issue a disposable mask for the day. Unfortunately, the many measures we have had to put in place in face of the Covid-19 pandemic have brought a substantial cost to the school. Pupils who consistently forget their masks may be charged for the costly disposable ones they are given.

Remote Learning

Happily this week, most of our pupils who were self-isolating, have returned to school and a degree of normality has returned to the school day. This challenging period for pupils, parents and teachers alike has seen us all having to learn rapidly new skills and ways of working.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues who have risen magnificently to the challenges presented by remote learning. I would also like to explain further the provision pupils can expect as we move forward, should there be any additional periods of self-isolation.

Schools are being asked to explore ways in which 'blended learning' may best be delivered remotely. At All Hallows we have adapted the use of Microsoft Teams as the platform through which pupils will communicate with their teachers. Periods of self-isolation conjure up a number of scenarios. For example; a whole class at home, teacher in school. Or, a teacher at home but whole class in school. Perhaps the most challenging scenario; some pupils at home, some in class and the teacher either in school or at home. When teaching remotely, our staff are not expected to teach every session 'live' and on camera. This is one approach which many have taken but it is just as likely, and as effective, to teach through audio, through the use of pre-recorded material or through set tasks which the pupils will work on independently. All methods are acceptable and will be utilised at the discretion of departments and individual teachers. Whichever methods are employed, I can assure you that we endeavor to continue to deliver a well-planned, and assessed curriculum. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any aspects of remote learning.

PE Kit/Uniform

A number of weeks ago, to better facilitate PE lessons, we made the decision to allow pupils to come to school in their PE kit on the days it appeared on their timetable. In order to keep the standards of our uniform high, we asked that pupils wear only our tracksuit top or their blazers, and not 'hoodies'. Please remind pupils of this rule. As the weather is becoming colder, pupils may wish to wear a coat, not a 'hoodie'. Coats must not, however, be worn in the corridors. As the weather becomes increasingly colder, girls may wish to consider wearing the school's tracksuit pants or official leggings to keep themselves warm throughout the day.

In addition, following our half-term break, the winter uniform will become compulsory (see details on the website).

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Forthcoming Events

Please note the dates and times of the following virtual events:
Year 7 Parents' Information Evening 6pm Wednesday 21st October
Year 7 Mass of Welcome 7pm Thursday 22nd October

Year 7 Admissions 2020

A further reminder to parents of Year 6 who would like their children to come to All Hallows in September 2021 to complete the Yellow Schools Admission Form and return it to us by the 31st October 2020.

Half Term Holiday

School closes on Friday 23rd October 2020 at 3:05pm and reopens at the usual time on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Horrocks
Headteacher

