

# All Hallows Catholic High School



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## **Newsletter No.11**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **Year 11 Parents' Evening (virtual)**

Please see attached the full details of our upcoming, first ever, virtual Parents' Evening.

### **Pupil Photographs**

Please could parents of pupils in years 7 and 11 who have received photographs of their child from Tempest Photography return order forms as soon as possible to enable us to process the orders before the Christmas break.

### **Attendance Figures**

Following receipt of recent pupil reports we have been contacted by some parents about attendance figures showing less than 100% in the case of some pupils who have actually attended for the whole of the autumn term. This is due to the staggered start we had to implement due to C19 restrictions on return to school in September. It is a function of the school's SIMS system which carries information of daily registration. We acknowledge that some pupils may, therefore, have their attendance recorded lower than it should be. We will rectify this on subsequent reports.

### **Local Resident Complaints**

We have been asked by local residents to ask parents who are waiting to pick up their child at the end of the school day to switch off their car engines to avoid the pollution which builds up when the engine is left idling. Additionally, residents have asked, once again, that our pupils do not congregate on the park opposite Sainsbury's on their way home from school. There are reports of some antisocial behaviour and I would remind parents of the strict rules regarding the number of people who should gather due to C19 restrictions.

### **C19**

We have experienced a recent surge in the positive tests of both staff and pupils which has resulted in a number of people having to self-isolate. We have strict guidelines to which we must adhere and would ask for the patience of everybody when it is your child who is identified as a close contact of the infected person. It is heart breaking for all of our community when we have to send children home to self-isolate and the decision is never taken lightly. I would ask that parents are very cautious when their child is unwell and would always council caution if in any doubt, and to seek a test. Please do not send your child to school if he/she has been tested and is awaiting the result. I have written a reminder below of the criteria for 'close contact' to enable parents to understand how we must make our decisions on who to send home.

#### **What constitutes close contact?**

- Anybody the infected person may have come into skin to skin contact with or who the person has directly coughed on
- Anybody who has come within 1 metre of the infected person for any length of time, face-to face
- Anybody who has come within 1 metre of the infected person, in any direction, for 1 minute or longer

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- Anybody who has come within 2 metres of the infected person, any direction, for 15 minutes or longer



### **Face Masks**

We have been asked by a number of parents if we are able to supply replacement masks to pupils who were initially given two, free of charge, by the school. We have spares in school which can be purchased at a cost of £2.25. This may prove more cost effective than buying disposable masks at 50 pence each. Please ask pupils to see Year Managers for a black mask if they wish to purchase one.

### **Local Christmas Farmers' Market**

Please see the flyer attached for the annual farmer's market which will take place on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Horrocks".

Mr C Horrocks  
Headteacher

