

8/11/2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the tremendous effort that you have made to keep our school community safe in these unprecedented times. You are adhering to the drop off and pick up points and times, are following social distancing rules and only entering the school building for a prearranged meeting.

We greatly appreciate this and would ask you to continue supporting us by ensuring you:

1. Wear a mask when dropping off/ picking up your child.
2. Leave the school grounds quickly and avoid prolonged conversations with other parents.
3. Provide your child with their break/lunch. There has been an increase in parents leaving break/lunch to the office. We are unable to send these safely to classrooms.
4. Let your child know how they are getting home after school, as we are unable to relay messages to classrooms.
5. Seesaw the class teacher if a child needs to leave school early for an appointment.
6. Inform the school if anyone in your household has symptoms or if your child has to self isolate. This can be done via Seesaw to the class teacher or by email to [fionaboyd66@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaboyd66@hotmail.com).

If your child or anyone in the household has symptoms, please keep your child at home until a test can be carried out. If your child has vomiting or diarrhea, they must remain home for 48 hours. If you need advice on whether a child should be in school or not, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Homework**

We are trying to make school as normal as possible and children are now bringing home homework and from this week will be bringing home a reading book. We would ask you to send your children into school with a schoolbag, which can be sprayed with disinfectant each night. In school, we will be following guidelines with regard to hygiene and quarantining books.

Homework will be a mixture of online and written work. It is essential that children complete both online and written homework because if a bubble has to close or the school goes into lockdown again, the children and you, as parents, need to be aware of how to use our online platforms. If any parent has difficulty accessing the online work or accessing devices, please contact me.

### **Parent Meetings**

We were due to have parent meetings on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November but due to the pandemic and social distancing, we have had to postpone these to the second term. Therefore, children in P1-P6 will be in school on this day. We will however, still be holding the P7 parent meetings this term. The P7 teachers will send you further details.

### **Flu Vaccine**

The administration of the Flu Vaccine will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. If you have not already returned your form, can you please do so.

### **Staff**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Holy Trinity for their tremendous efforts supporting the children emotionally and educationally since their return to work. Staff are working tirelessly providing direct teaching as well as online learning for those who are self isolating. They are also providing reassurance and care for the children and parents who are anxious and worried. I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all staff, teaching and non teaching, for their dedication, commitment and devotion to the children of Holy Trinity.

If I can be of any help to the children or to you as parents, on an educational or personal level, please do not hesitate to contact me. I know that these are very difficult times for many of you mentally, emotionally and financially. It is a struggle for us all and there is no shame in needing help. If I can be of any assistance to you, even if it is just that you need someone to talk to, please do not hesitate to contact me. Holy Trinity is a family and we are here to support each other in these frightening and unprecedented times.

Thank you

Mrs F Boyd