



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

At the beginning of the year, a Home School Agreement was always shared with you. This is no longer a requirement but we still feel it is important to share the expectations we have for all our children at Holy Family and we would really appreciate your support with the following:

Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart – thank you. ☺ Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name to prevent items getting lost. Please also ensure the following:

- Long hair is tied back at all times.
- Black shoes (not sports wear) to be worn by the children.
- Use of a 'Holy Family' school bag. (We do not have the room to store large school bags.)
- No earrings / jewellery – watches may be worn

Homework / Spellings

Children will receive their homework every Monday. If children have been asked to complete a written task please can it be completed during the week and returned on Friday. The children will receive a Maths, English and spelling activity. The new curriculum is demanding more of our children in the way of mental calculations for maths. Homework for maths may therefore be helping your child to develop their mental calculations in the way of recalling number bonds / times tables – including division facts, etc. ready for little assessments on the Friday. They may also receive an activity linked to the current topic being taught in class. From Year 2, children will receive spellings to learn for Friday, which will be words they need to know and will help them to develop their writing further. Spellings will be checked in class on the Friday. We want to keep weekends free for family time as we believe this is very important too!

Reading Books and Diaries

Your child has received a reading book and reading diary in order to keep a record of their progress at home. All books and reading diaries should be in school each day and will be collected on a Monday to monitor how much children are reading at home. Once your child has finished a book they will be given the opportunity to change their books.

Punctuality/Absence

The children should line up at 8.55am on the playground unless it is raining heavily, in which case, classroom doors will be opened a little earlier. It is your responsibility to supervise them up until this point. Any child arriving after the class has entered the classroom at 8.55am needs to go to the main door to be signed in by Mrs Featherstone. If for any reason your child is absent from school, please contact us to let us know. This can now be done through the Parent App. If we do not hear from you, Mrs Featherstone, our Learning Mentor, will ring to find out why your child is absent. If you need to collect your child at any time in



the day for an appointment, could you please report to the office and your child will be collected from their classroom.

Behaviour

During our Inset day as a staff we came together to discuss which values we feel are important for our children to follow. The children were also involved in this and have shared their views this week with me during assembly and their class teachers.

The values we feel that promote our Mission Statement and help our children and staff to fulfil it are the following:

**Respectful
Responsible**

**Loving
Honest**

**Patient
Forgiveness**

The children have suggested some fantastic explanations for what these words truly mean and how they can express them around our school.

Praising and rewarding

Golden time takes place every Friday. Children can bring in a small toy or game from home, although the school cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage to any Golden Time activity brought into school. Mobile phones may not be used as a Golden Time toy.

This year, rather than children losing minutes for Golden Time, minutes can be earned by all children for displaying the behaviour we are promoting through our School Values. As well as Golden Time, throughout the school day, children are always encouraged and praised for displaying the key values around the school. Each week, the children can earn an invitation to Afternoon Tea with Mrs Hannah for being the class Star of the Week. When considering our school values, staff will choose one child each week to join Mrs Hannah. During our weekly Awards Assembly, the children can receive certificates for achievement in Maths, Reading and Writing. At the end of a term, children may also receive a certificate for their attendance and / or punctuality.

Red and Yellow Cards

Staff may issue a Red or Yellow card as another way of reinforcing school values. Red and Yellow cards can be used throughout the day and at dinner time when children fail to comply with the behaviour code. Yellow cards will be issued after a verbal warning for minor incidents. Red cards will be applied for more serious incidents such as physical harm, insolence etc. A Yellow card will result in a five minute suspension from playtime, and a red card will result in the child missing the remaining playtimes that day and those the next day. If a child is issued with a Red card, a letter will be sent home on the same day informing parents, which parents need to sign and return to school the next day. Two Yellow cards in a week will result in a Red card. A record of all Yellow and Red cards will be kept.

PE

The children will continue to have 2 hours of P.E every week. This amount of regular exercise is vitally important; therefore please ensure that they have full PE kit in school at all times. If your child doesn't have a PE kit, they will be offered a school kit from a bank of spares that parents have donated.

Water Bottles and Snacks

Please encourage your child to bring in a water bottle. They will have opportunities throughout the day to refill their bottle if necessary. Please ensure your child brings their bottle home for washing and brings it back to school refilled in the morning. The children can also bring in a snack to be eaten during break time. Please encourage the children to bring a healthy snack. We do not allow chocolate or sweets for snack.



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Dinner Money

Dinner money has increased this year to £1.80 a day, that is £9.00 per week.

Art T-shirts

Children in Year 2 and Key Stage 2 need to have an old t-shirt or shirt to protect their uniform during art activities. This can be kept in school for the year.

Questions and appointments

Staff will be unable to speak to parents when collecting children or seeing them out at the end of the day but they always try to make themselves available before 8.30am or after they have seen children safely out at the end of the day. Please contact the school office if you would like to make an appointment or if you wish to speak to your child's teacher.

Medicines

As part of Health & Safety, parents need to complete a form giving permission for staff to administer medicines. It is therefore vitally important that parents do not give medicines for children to bring into school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Cook-Hannah
Headteacher

