

Tuesday 17th August 2021









Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to Holy Cross Boys' on Thursday 26th August.

As we informed you at the end of June, we will continue with similar arrangements and mitigations, until the Halloween break (when it will be revised). Having reviewed the recent updates from the Education Minister (attached), we will continue to ensure that our pupils remain in consistent groups, where possible, to minimise transmission of the virus using our experiences of the last year.

- The first 3 days back for pupils are Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Tuesday 31st August.**
- There will be earlier finishing times for these 3 days only (SEE BELOW).**
- NO Dinners will be provided on these days.**
- The School will be closed on the Bank Holiday Monday 30th August 2021.**

Entry/Exit School Procedures and times for start of HCB School Year Aug 2021 (for 26th, 27th, and 31st August ONLY)

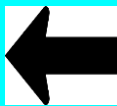


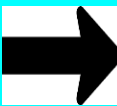


P4 line	P4W Rm12 (1 st class in) P4L Rm13 (2 nd class in) (Start 8.45am and finish 11.45am)	NO parking near the school gates!	P2J R2 (1 st class in) P2F R3 (2 nd class in) (Start 8.45am and finish 11.45am)	P2 line	P6C R19 (1 st class in) P6Mc R18 (2 nd class in) (Start 8.45am and finish 11.45am)	P6 line
P5 line	P5W Rm 9 (1 st class in) P5T Rm 8 (2 nd class in) (Start 9.00am and finish 12.00pm)		P3L R10 (1 st class in) P3M R11 (2 nd class in) (Start 9.00am and finish 12.00pm)	P3 line	P7H R20 (1 st class in) P7B R21 (2 nd class in) (Start 9.00am and finish 12.00pm)	P7 line
 Enter the school via Rm 6 exit doors.	Collection Point 1 (Sanitising at school entry) Class teachers/CAs take temperatures. 	School Gates	Collection Point 2 (Sanitising at school entry) Class teachers/CAs take temperatures. 	 Enter the school via front door.	Collection Point 3 (Sanitising at school entry) Class teachers/CAs take temperatures. 	 Enter the school via pitch exit door.

Primary 1 pupils will have separate start/finishing times at the start of the new school year.

key points to remember for our return on Thursday 26th August 2021:

- **NO Dinners will be served on the first three days - Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Tuesday 31st August** and pupils will finish at earlier times.
- There will be a hot dinner served daily starting on Wednesday 1st September. The new menu will be uploaded to the School Jotter app on Friday 27th Aug.
- Please look at the diagrams and note the exact Collection Point **1**, **2** or **3** and start/end times for your son/sons. (Week 2 times are also attached below).
- Temperatures of pupils will continue to be taken each morning as they enter the classroom.
- There will be NO BELLS in the morning or at home time. Children MUST arrive at school at their start time. Please be on time for pick up.
- P5-7 Swimming and Breakfast Club will remain on hold until further notice.
- Extended Schools will commence in early October 2021.
- Parents (with the exception of Primary 1) will be required to remain outside the school perimeter.
- Parents will be discouraged from congregating at the school gates with staggered start and end times.
- The initial focus will be on the pastoral needs of our pupils, their health and wellbeing and the enhancement of a 'reconnect' between pupil and school, helping our pupils settle back into the school day.
- Homework will start on Wednesday 1st September 2021. Homework books will be sent home daily.
- School bags can now be brought into school. However, it is preferred that pupils bring book bags rather than bulky backpacks to school as space is limited in the classrooms.
- NO Footballs will be permitted in the playground. Each class will continue to operate in its own distinct group.
- If your child is sick or has cold/temperature you MUST NOT send him to school. If your child is unwell at school, he will be immediately sent home.
- We are closed on the Bank Holiday Monday 30th August 2021.

Procedures from Wednesday 1st September 2021

P4 line	P4W Rm12 (1 st class in) P4L Rm13 (2 nd class in) (Start 8.45am and finish 2.45pm)	NO parking near the school gates!	P2J R2 (1 st class in) P2F R3 (2 nd class in) (Start 8.45am and finish 2.15pm)	P2 line	P6C R19 (1 st class in) P6Mc R18 (2 nd class in) (Start 8.45am and finish 2.45pm)	P6 line
P5 line	P5W Rm 9 (1 st class in) P5T Rm 8 (2 nd class in) (Start 9.00am and finish 3.00pm)		P3L R10 (1 st class in) P3M R11 (2 nd class in) (Start 9.00am and finish 2.30pm)	P3 line	P7H R19 (1 st class in) P7B R21 (2 nd class in) (Start 9.00am and finish 3.00pm)	P7 line
 Enter the school via Rm 6 exit doors.	Collection Point 1  Donna Clarke (Sanitising) Class teachers/CAs take temperatures.	School Gates	Collection Point 2  Nicola L and Helen (Sanitising) Class teachers/CAs take temperatures.	 Enter the school via front door.	Collection Point 3  Mrs Martin (Sanitising) Class teachers/CAs take temperatures.	 Enter the school via Pitch exit door.

Primary 1 pupils will have a separate start/finishing times at the start of the school year

Dinners will be provided from Wednesday 1st September 2021.

NB: Home Time for Fridays (starting Friday 3rd September)

- ✚ Primary 1 (Separate times but will be 12.45pm when the full day starts)
- ✚ Primary 2-3 will finish at 1.00pm
- ✚ Primary 4-7 will finish at 1.15pm

Pupils will wear their full school uniform on the first day back

(Thursday 26th August 2021).

HCB School Uniform consists of:

- ✚ Black jumper (with school crest)
- ✚ Red Polo shirt
- ✚ Plain Black trousers
- ✚ Plain black shoes/trainers (no stripes/designs)
- ✚ Black shorts can be worn in the summer months
- ✚ Parents/guardians are asked to label all items of clothing clearly with their child's name.
- ✚ On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school (watches are not considered items of jewellery and may be worn). Earrings ARE NOT PERMITTED.
- ✚ Hair: Lines or dyes ARE NOT PERMITTED.



NB: Pupils can continue to come to school in their PE Gear on the day that they have PE.

As you may be aware, there was a recent update (12/08/21) from the Education Minister.

She stated;

- The removal of the requirement for schools to use formal bubbles should provide schools with more flexibility allowing pupils to move around into different classrooms and facilities. However, in order to support effective contact tracing, schools will be asked to ensure pupils remain in consistent groups, where possible.
- Schools should continue to consider their own local circumstances and what measures they can put in place to minimise transmission of the virus using their own experiences of the last year.

Other mitigating measures operating in schools are:



- the advice to parents that pupils with symptoms should not attend school.
- advice to schools to maintain a cautious approach in organising gatherings in schools such as school assemblies.
- Parents are asked to keep to social distancing guidelines and avoid congregating at the school gates
- Continuing promotion of good hand and respiratory hygiene measures
- Regular asymptomatic testing continues to be offered and encouraged for all school staff and all students in post primary and special schools.
- Young people aged 5 to 17 who are not fully vaccinated and are identified as a close contact should self-isolate and book a PCR test. If the PCR test result is negative they can end their self-isolation. Should they develop symptoms they should self-isolate until they have a result from their PCR test. If the PCR test is positive, they should complete a full 10 days of self-isolation. If the PCR test is negative, they can stop isolating.

Please ensure that you complete and sign the **Pupil Information and Consent Form** that every child will take home on **Thursday 26th August** inside a poly pocket (**Copy Attached below**). Please fill in the required details ASAP and return it to the class teacher in the poly pocket.

We collect this information every year including:

- Contact Details
- Emergency Contact Details
- GP details
- Medical and Food/Allergies Information
- Parent Consent for areas listed on the back of the form
(Please tick YES or NO)

We would also like to remind all our parents to:

-  Download the school app on School Jotter (in app store) and read all the information sent out from the school. Weekly Bulletins will be uploaded every Sunday evening, starting Sun 5th September 2021.
-  Make sure to download the relevant class app (Seesaw/ Class Dojo) and join up ASAP in order to have excellent communication with the class teacher. Your son will receive this information on the 26/08/21.

Ways to communicate with HCB:



Phone: 02890-351032



holycrossboys@hotmail.com



@HolyCrossBoys



Holy Cross Boys' PS



www.holycrossboys.com

Class Apps:



and



A copy of the School Holidays for 2021-2022 are also attached below.

Thank you for your continued patience and support and we look forward to seeing all the boys on Thursday 26th August.

Mr McArevey Mr Curran

(Principal) (Vice Principal)

Holy Cross Boys' Primary School September 2021

Tuesday 26th August 2021



Dear parent/guardian,

Please ensure that you complete and sign the Pupil Information and Consent Form to ensure that we have all the relevant and up to date details for you and your son. We need this information asap.

PUPIL RECORD

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CLASS: _____ Teacher: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL No: _____ EMAIL: _____

Method of transport to school: _____ Entitled to Free School Meal (FSM) _____

Priority/Emergency Contact Numbers

Contact's Name	Number 1	Number 2	Relationship to Child
1.			
2.			
3.			

Doctor's Name	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The above named child *(please tick)*:

- ☐ has **no** medical conditions
- ☐ **has** a specific medical condition (please give details below).
- ☐ **has** medication to be kept/administered in school (please give details below).

FOOD/OTHER ALLERGIES INFORMATION

The above named child *(please tick)*:

- ☐ has **no** allergic reactions to food or any other products.
- ☐ **has** allergic reactions to and should not eat the following (please give details below):

Please ensure that your child is aware of anything to which he may have an allergic reaction. If your child should develop an allergy/medical condition in the course of the year, please let the class teacher know immediately. To ensure all staff recognise children with severe medical/allergy conditions, a photograph and relevant information will be displayed in the school.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____

<i>Parent Consent 2021/2022</i>	Please tick the appropriate box:	
	YES	NO
Permission is granted for photographs/videos to be taken of my child for use within the School (School Newsletter/School Twitter/Facebook Accounts/School App/Publication in Newspapers/After School Activities, displays around the school and in circumstances when television stations visit the school.		
Permission is granted for the above named taking part in any educational visit deemed necessary by the school. I confirm he is medically fit to participate in trips and will make the school aware of any changes in his medical condition in the future. These visits may include Ardoyne Library, Falls Swim Centre, Holy Cross Church, John Paul Youth Club, Ardoyne Youth Club, Sports venues (Solitude) and any other visit/trip organised by the class teacher or others in the school.		
Permission is granted for my son to have access to the internet and to IT systems at school. I know that my son will receive e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of ICT – both in and out of school.		
Permission is granted for a plaster to be used on my child if required.		
Permission is granted for my child's P1 or P2 teacher or classroom assistant to provide intimate care for my child where appropriate.		

Holy Cross Boys' Primary School

2021-2022 School Calendar



August '21						
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	Pupils are in School		Baker Days (5)
	School closed/holidays		Staff Development Days (5)
			Early Finish (No Dinners)

*Parent/Teacher Interviews on Friday 11th February 2022