

Friday 19th August 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,









We are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to HCB next Friday 26th August.

Preparations for School Return

- The boys will start the new school term on **Friday 26th August 2022**.
- The first 3 days back will be the earlier finishing times on Friday 26th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st August 2022 (details below).
- NO Dinners will be provided on these days.
- The school will be closed on the Bank Holiday Monday 29th August 2022.
- All information for our return on Friday 26th August 2022 is also on the School Website www.holycrossboys.com.

Entry/Exit School Procedures for the start of School Year for Friday 26th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st August 2022 are below:

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| P4 line | P4W Mr Wallace Rm12 P4M Mrs Mohan Rm13 (Start 8.45am and finish 11.45am) | NO parking near the school gates! | P2Q Miss Quirk R4 P2M Mr Mullan R5 (Start 8.45am and finish 11.45am) | P2 line | P6MJ Mr Jennings R19 P6EJ Mr Johnston R21 (Start 8.45am and finish 11.45am) | P6 line |
| P5 line | P5W Mrs Wallace Rm 14 P5C Mr Connolly Rm 15 (Start 9.00am and finish 12.00noon) Room 6 Exit door | | P3L Ms Lynch R10 P3M Mr Morrin R11 (Start 9.00am and finish 12.00noon) Front Main door | P3 line | P7Mc Mrs McShane R18 P7H Mr Hawkins R20 (Start 9.00am and finish 12.00noon) Pitch Exit door | P7 line |
|  Enter the school via Rm 6 exit doors. |  Collection Point 1 (Front Gate) | MAIN School Gates |  Collection Point 2 (Front Gate) |  Enter the school via front door. |  Collection Point 3 (Side gate at pitch) |  Enter the school via pitch exit door. |

Primary 1 pupils (1F Mrs Fegan R2 and 1T Mrs Torbitt R3) will have separate start/finishing times at the start of the new school year (Parents will be notified). (Start 9.000am) Finish Times: The Teacher will bring class out to meet parents at the front door. First Day until Tuesday 13th Sept - Pupils will finish at 12:00pm. Thursday 15th & Friday 16th Sept - Pupils to stay for dinner/lunch at school and will finish at 12:15pm. Monday 19th – 23rd Sept - Pupils to stay for dinner/lunch/playground at school and will finish at 12:30pm. Monday 26th Sept - First full day. All pupils finish at 2:00pm

Please read the important information/dates attached.

We hope that you and the boys have had a lovely relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing the boys return to HCB next Friday 26th August 2022.

Mr McArevey (Principal) Mr Curran (Vice-Principal)

| YEAR | START | Finish | Friday Finish |
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Start/End Times for September 2022

NB: Primary 1 pupils (P1F Mrs Fegan R2 and P1T Mrs Torbitt R3) will have separate start/finishing times at the start of the new school year (Parents will be notified).

Parent Information and Key Dates for School return

- School Dinners:** The current price of a school meal is £2.60. Your son may be entitled to Free School Meals. To check this, you can contact the Education Authority Belfast on 02890564000 and ask to speak to someone in the department of free school meals and uniform grants. Alternatively, apply online via <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>
- Packed Lunches:** Sandwiches or a bread based item, Fruit / vegetables/ yoghurt, Water / milk / non fizzy juice and one treat.
- Water:** All children are encouraged to carry a plastic bottle of water in their schoolbags to drink throughout the day. No flavoured water!
- Healthy eating at Holy Cross should not be seen in isolation. The Healthy Eating Policy of Holy Cross Boys' is an integral part of our PDMU policy. It involves a partnership between teachers and parents.



Lunches at Holy Cross Boys' Primary School



| Bread snack/ Sandwiches | Fruit/yoghurt/ vegetables | Drink: milk/water |
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| Treat: 1 normal size bar of chocolate or normal size bag of crisps/salted popcorn. | | |
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**NB: NO FIZZY drinks or sweets.
NO oversized bars of chocolate.**



Mid-Morning Breaks should consist of fruit and/or vegetables; bread based snacks with a sugar free filling e.g. plain bread sticks, bread rolls, sandwiches of ham, tuna, cheese etc. (Scones, muffins or pancakes can be used occasionally as they contain some sugar and may cause tooth decay if taken frequently). The only drinks taken should be either milk or water.

Healthy Lunch Choices: In PDMU (Personal Development, Mutual Understanding) lessons we are trying to develop the idea of a balanced diet and healthy lifestyle which will be carried on into adult life. For this reason, we encourage pupils to include a piece of fruit, sandwiches, and a non-fizzy or sugar free drink in their lunch as well as a treat (biscuit).

HCB School Uniform

Pupils will wear their full school uniform on the first day back (Friday 26th August 2021).

HCB School Uniform consists of:

- ✚ Black jumper (with school crest)
- ✚ Red Polo shirt
- ✚ Plain Black trousers
- ✚ **Plain black shoes/black 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.



Physical Education

- ✚ All pupils will wear their full school uniform to school on PE days.
- ✚ P3-7 pupils will now bring in their PE Gear to school (and change in class) on the days that they have PE class. P1 & 2 pupils will take off their jumper and change footwear for PE.

Attendance

- ✚ Holy Cross Boys' PS is committed to a positive policy of encouraging pupils to attend school regularly. The school will work with parents, pupils and outside agencies to secure this aim.
- ✚ **Rewarding Pupils with Excellent and Improved Attendance:** Pupils who attend School for 5 days of the week will automatically receive a Written Homework Pass for the following Thursday night. Our Student Council brought in this initiative recently and it has helped to encourage improved attendance for many pupils. We also celebrate all our pupils who put in a great effort with attendance at every opportunity throughout the school year. We reward these pupils at the mid and end of each term with prizes.
- ✚ **Poor Attendance:** Pupils who have a history of poor attendance will continue to be monitored on a regular basis. Pupils that had poor attendance for the last school year 2021-2022 will be sent home a letter in early September to remind parents of the importance of good attendance. Pupils are encouraged not to take holidays during term time. If a pupil goes on a holiday during term time, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Key Information/Dates:

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| Fri 26 th , Tue 30 th and Wed 31 st Aug | Early finish for the first 3 days back (P2,4 & 6 start 8.45am and finish 11.45am). P3,5 & 7 start 9.00am and finish at 12.00pm). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 26 th Aug | Breakfast club will start on Friday 26 th Aug for P2-7 and on Mon 26 th Sept for Primary 1. The Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am in the school canteen and costs £1 per morning (includes cereal, toast and a drink). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tues 30 th Aug | Parental Contact/Consent Forms (Contact/Consent details etc.) will be given out on Tuesday 30 th August 2022. Please return asap (Copy attached). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thurs 1 st Sept | <p>Normal times for P2-7.</p> <p>Primary 1 - First Day until Tuesday 13th Sept - Pupils will finish at 12:00pm. Thursday 15th & Friday 16th Sept - Pupils to stay for dinner/lunch at school and will finish at 12:15pm. Monday 19th – 23rd Sept - Pupils to stay for dinner/lunch/playground at school and will finish at 12:30pm. Monday 26th Sept - First full day. All P1 pupils finish at 2:00pm</p> <table><tr><th>YEAR</th><th>START</th><th>Finish</th><th>Friday Finish</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>9.00</td><td>2.00 (starting Mon 26th Sept)</td><td>12.45</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>8.45</td><td>2.15</td><td>1.00</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>9.00</td><td>2.30</td><td>1.00</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>8.45</td><td>2.45</td><td>1.20</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>9.00</td><td>3.00</td><td>1.20</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>8.45</td><td>2.45</td><td>1.20</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>9.00</td><td>3.00</td><td>1.20</td></tr></table> | YEAR | START | Finish | Friday Finish | 1 | 9.00 | 2.00 (starting Mon 26 th Sept) | 12.45 | 2 | 8.45 | 2.15 | 1.00 | 3 | 9.00 | 2.30 | 1.00 | 4 | 8.45 | 2.45 | 1.20 | 5 | 9.00 | 3.00 | 1.20 | 6 | 8.45 | 2.45 | 1.20 | 7 | 9.00 | 3.00 | 1.20 |
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| Sun 4 th Sept | First Weekly Bulletin - Sunday 4 th September 2022. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 5 th Sept | Break time and Lunchtime Book Club will start on Monday 5th September 2022 - for pupils who would like to read or pupils with homework, attitude/behaviour, school work issues/concerns. Homework will also start on Mon 5 th September for P2-7 pupils. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 6 th Sept | Trainer Tuesday: This will take place every Tuesday, starting Tuesday 6 th September 2022. Pupils can wear their trainers on Tuesdays for 50p. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wed 7 th Sept | Curriculum Meetings: Teachers will prepare a video and send via relevant class apps to parents on Wed 7 th Sept 2022. This will be uploaded to School Website for Class Information Video. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 9 th Sept | Friday Tuckshop Day: This will take place every Friday, starting Friday 9 th Sept 2022. Solitude Friday Visits – Restarts on September Friday 9 th September 2022. House System – 1st Weekly winners. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 12 th Sept | Homework Passes will be given out on Mon 12th Sept and every Monday thereafter. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wed 14 th Sept | Feast of the Holy Cross: P2, 4 and 6 start 8.45am and finish 11.45am. P3, 5 and 7 start 9.00am and finish 12.00pm. Rainbow Room, Starlight Room and Primary 1 will finish at 11.30am. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 th to 16 th Sept | Punctuality Monitoring Week from Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd September. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 th to 23 rd Sept | Homework Monitoring Week from Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th September. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Halloween Break for pupils will be from Thursday 27th October to Tuesday 1st November inclusive . Halloween Hooley plans TBC. Early finish on Wednesday 26 th October. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 th to 14 th Oct | World Mental Health Day is 10th October 2022: To celebrate this week (Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th October 2022), every class will have a Relaxation and Meditation session with Donna Hawkins. Pupil Poster Competition. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 th to 21 st Oct | Book Fair starts on the week beginning Monday 17th October (Details to follow) . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 24 th Oct | Rewarding Pupils: Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance at Mid-term and end of term to start on Mon 24 th October. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon14th - 18 th Nov | Anti-Bullying Week: - Odd Socks Day and Poster competition. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thur 18 th Nov | World Philosophy Day in 2022 is on Thursday 18 th November (Focus on Plato). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wed 7 th Dec | FLU Vaccine P1 - P7 on Wednesday 7 th December 2022. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



Holy Cross Boys' Primary School September 2022

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) _____

SEN: _____

Priority/Emergency Contact Numbers

| Contact's Name | Number 1 | Number 2 | Relationship to Child |
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| Doctor's Name | ADDRESS | TELEPHONE |
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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).

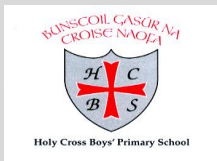
FOOD/OTHER ALLERGIES INFORMATION

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: _____



Parent Consent 2022-2023

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/website, 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, Leisure Centre for swimming, 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.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____

Holy Cross Boys' Primary School

2022-2023 School Calendar



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*Parent/Teacher Interviews on Friday 10th February 2023

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