



# Holy Family News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely half term break, enjoyed the weather and the relaxation of lockdown. As you will be aware, from the letter from Oldham Public Health, the rates of infection are on the increase in Oldham. This is believed to be due to the relaxation of lockdown restrictions and the spread of the Delta variant of the virus (originally identified in India). The school's priority is to keep children, their families and staff safe. I would ask that everyone follows the guidance set out by PH Oldham:

- Secondary age children and their families should continue with twice weekly lateral flow device testing.
- If your child or anyone in your household shows any of the covid symptoms they should get a PCR test and the whole household must isolate.
- If your child is identified as a contact of a positive case they should get a PCR test, doing this will help identify the variant of concern and their spread.
- **It is also requested that any child who feels unwell but does not have any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 to get a PCR test.** In this situation your child does not have to self-isolate unless the test result comes back as positive.

For the time being, I would ask that parents continue to wear a mask on the school grounds. I understand and share your frustration but I feel it is essential that we do everything possible to reduce the risk of infection and the possibility of having to close a bubble. We can do this!

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Booth

## Relationships, Sex and Health Education Parent Consultation

Following a poor response ( 10 out of 200) to the questionnaire sent out I have extended the deadline until Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 4pm. Please take the time to look at the information and respond to the survey. You can find the information [here](#).

The results so far:

**90%** understand what my child will be taught and when.

**100%** are comfortable with the Catholic ethos of the programme.

**90%** trust the school's judgement in delivering this programme,  
**10%** undecided.

**50%** feel that their child will need additional support in understanding some of the content.

**100%** understand and accept that your role is as the 'first educator' of your child on matters related to teaching human sexuality.

**100%** approve of their child learning the names of external genitalia in KS1.

**90%** think Year 5 is a good time to start learning about physical changes during puberty. **10%** disagree.

**100%** think their child should be taught about sexual intimacy in Year 6, in a way that is respectful of Catholic beliefs.

**70%** think it is important that pornography is covered from an internet safety perspective in Upper KS2. **30%** are undecided.

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY, YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO US.**

Well done to Emily and Elyssa who have decided to donate their hair to the Little Princess Trust. The Trust aims to provide real hair wigs for children who have lost their hair due cancer treatment and other illnesses. If you would like to make a donation you can find their Just Giving page [here](#).



## **PLEASE REMEMBER WE CAN PROVIDE FOOD PARCELS FOR FAMILIES WHO MAY NEED A LITTLE EXTRA HELP.**

This is a very difficult time for many people. If you require a little help you can contact school on [support@holyfamily.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:support@holyfamily.oldham.sch.uk) We are very lucky to have links with Breaking The Waves Foundation who are supplying the parcels.