



# **HOLY FAMILY SECONDARY**

**NEWBRIDGE, CO. KILDARE W12YD71**

Principal: **Ms. S. Allen**

Deputy Principals: **Ms. K. Kissane Ms. E. O'Brien**

Telephone: **045 431957** Fax: **045 435213** email: **reception@holyfamily.ie** website: **www.holyfamily.ie**

Dear parent(s)/guardian(s) and students

9<sup>th</sup> April 2021

We hope that you all had a peaceful, pleasant and safe Easter break.

We really enjoyed having our Fifth Year and Sixth Year students back with us before the Easter break. Sixth Year students have made unique choices regarding June exams and accredited grades and many were in school over the Easter break to attend for state exam orals in French, Spanish, German and Irish and for Music practicals.

The final term begins next Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. All students will return on that date. The emphasis at all times will be student and staff safety and the support of everyone's wellbeing. HFSS staff know how important it is to allow time to settle back to school and adapt to school procedures and routines again.

The School Food Company canteen will be operational again from Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April. There will be no canteen on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>.

**HFSS & Covid-19 updates\***: We have a tab on our website where we publish Covid-19 updates as they relate to schools. <http://www.holyfamily.ie/covid-19-updates/>

The return to school safety protocols were already outlined to each year group at assemblies in the last week of March 2021. All of this information is available to access as required on the year groups TEAMS sites. A **reminder to bring personal use wipes and a supply of masks**. We appreciate all that everyone has already done to help keep our school a safe place to work and learn. We ask students to be cautious on their journey to and from school. Continued compliance with Covid regulations and school protocols are essential for everyone's safety.

It is a national requirement that all students returning to school from on-line learning must complete a **Return to School form three days prior to entering the building**. Therefore, all students and staff must complete the form on the School App on, or close to, today's date of Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April. This form must also be completed by 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years again. If you have any difficulty with this, please contact the school at [reception@holyfamily.ie](mailto:reception@holyfamily.ie).

As a school community, we have all done extremely well throughout this year long crisis by working together as a school family. However, as we all know, greater vigilance is required over the coming weeks. Wishing you all the best of health and every good wish for the weeks and months ahead for Term 3 of our school year together.

Kindest regards,

S. Allen  
Principal

K. Kissane  
Deputy Principal

E. O'Brien  
Deputy Principal

**\* All pending HSE and Department of Education advice for schools in the months ahead. Full school planning details on <https://www.education.ie/covid19>**