



## HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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*"The Lord is close to all who call him." Psalm 144:18*

25 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

The scripture that I have shared this week has never been more poignant. I am sure that, like me, many of you have been calling on God during these troubled times. I also hope that you too have felt his closeness, I know I have. The successful return to school that we have experienced this past month has reminded me of the power of faith, hope and belief. Knowledge that in God all things are possible has strengthened all our resolves, and faith that continuing to work together with Christ at our sides will mean that we all get through this difficult period. I am reminded as I write of a phrase Fr Des always used with us; "The Christ in me, meets the Christ in you", and it is in meeting the student's each morning and throughout the school day that I am reminded of the blessings that Christ bestows upon us all, the warm, friendly, kind and considerate students we have here at Hagley.

### **Recovery and Intervention Programmes**

Recovery and Intervention, as I mentioned before, is huge part of our curriculum offer this year as we work to make up for lost time and learning. This week our Year 11s have begun intervention on Tuesday mornings in the core subjects, while KS5 begin after school sessions in specific areas from next week.

In addition to in-school intervention please be reminded that a key part of our KS4 recovery and intervention programme was the launch of GCSEPod in the summer term, a platform that is available to all students in Year 10 and 11.

It is a fantastic resource that students in Key Stage 4 can use to support their learning. The website contains a huge number of exam board specific, short video clips that really help students with the recall and retention of information. Teachers at Hagley are currently setting GCSEPod homework tasks that may include watching a relevant pod before completing an assignment, but students can also access the resources independently. Since July, over 8500 pods have been accessed by the school community! To access GCSEPod, students should visit the website ([www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com)) and use their Microsoft 365 accounts to log in. These have been emailed out to all students but if you have any issues then please contact IT support ([support@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:support@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk)).

### **Travel and Face Coverings**

The wearing of face coverings in school has been a very positive move and students continue to respond to this very well while in school. However please do continue to reinforce with your child the importance of wearing them at all times on trains and buses too, and that just because no one is around to enforce the guidance isn't an excuse to break it.

### **NHS APP**

This week the Government released the NHS COVID 19 Track and Trace App. This App is aimed at adults and student's that are 16+, more guidance can be found [here](#). Students in our sixth form will be encouraged to engage in this.

### **Free School Meals**

I am very aware that the current climate will have put some of our family's jobs and livelihoods at risk. I do very much hope that this is not the case but do expect that sadly some of you may have lost your jobs.

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If this is the case, you may now qualify for additional support for your child through the Free School Meal scheme and regardless of which area/authority you live in you can apply for this scheme via this link: [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals)

Please remember that if you do qualify but your child does not want the free meal it is important you still apply, as additional funding comes into school to help us provide a better education for your child and all Hagley students.

### Uniform and Winter Coats

What a week of weather we have had, from a barmy Indian Summer on Monday and Tuesday to a miserable wet autumn day on Wednesday and now, as I write, a beautiful sunny morning but bitterly cold. Therefore, a reminder as the winter coats are dug out, or end of the month purchases are made, about the uniform policy for winter coats. Coats should be plain and dark in colour, preferably navy or black. Denim and leather jackets or hoodies are not permitted.

### Year 7 Virtual Parents Evening (Meet the tutor)

Our Virtual Meet the Tutor Evening for Year 7 is confirmed for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October and letters went home yesterday with Year 7 to all parents/carers inviting them to this virtual meet and greet.

### Trains to Kidderminster

I have been informed today by West Midlands Rail (WMR) that the 15:33 train from Hagley to Kidderminster has been cancelled forthwith for the foreseeable future. However, the 15:42 is a confirmed regular train henceforth and will operate with 5 carriages, so we will work with WMR Staff to allocate a carriage to each year group in Years 7 to 11 and ask KS5 students to join Year 11 or wait for the 16:03. Please note that there are currently no plans at present that I am aware of to alter the northbound train times.

### Open Morning

I can confirm that we will be holding Open Morning tours on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October and flyers and social media announcements have gone out. Please do share this information with anyone you might know who has a Year 6 child and wants to see what Hagley has to offer.

We are limited to only 210 tours and more than 50% are already booked, so if you know that your child will be joining us and you have visited Hagley before please do leave the tour slots to new prospective parents.



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**OPEN MORNING**  
SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2020  
9AM-12PM

Booking is essential. Please book at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-morning-saturday-10th-october-2020-tickets-121758195039>

*"Together we are committed to excellent education for all, rooted in Gospel values, inspiring a love for life-long learning and following the compassion of Christ."*

You are invited to visit our school site for individual family tours. Only one adult is permitted to accompany each child per tour. The wearing of face coverings during the tour is compulsory for adults.

Tours are available to students applying to join Hagley in September 2021 (currently in Year 6).

Please note that the open morning may be cancelled at short notice dependent upon guidance.

*"This is a friendly school where pupils are safe and well cared for."*  
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Thank you, as always, for everyone's support and I do hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely



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### **Dates for Your Diary**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Year 7 Virtual Parents Evening (Meet the tutor)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Teacher Training Day

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Open Day

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### **Procedures in The Event of a Suspected or Actual Case of COVID-19**

I am sure that many of us in trying to process all the information received about Coronavirus are at times uncertain about procedures and actions in the event of a suspected case. The guidance you can find [here](#) will certainly help but in a nutshell would remind you that the most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child presents any of these please do not send them into school and begin a period of 10 days in quarantine. Please contact attendance on 01562 883193 Option 1 or email [attendance@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk) by 8.30am to advise us and also make arrangements for a test to be carried out, which this [link](#) will advise you on.

If you have other family members who are students at Hagley they must also remain at home and begin a period of 14 days quarantine and you should advise us of this when you call or email. Students who are forced to quarantine will have their work shared with them via their Microsoft Team account or school email. In the event of a negative test and no other family members presenting symptoms your child can then return to school and you should again advise the Attendance Office of this.