

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School



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Dear Parent / Carer

It has been wonderful over the last few days to meet your children and to see them back in school.

School feels different for them with rota, staggers, limited access to areas of the school, but the fundamental things will not have changed – the care and love the staff have for your daughters and the care within the Sacred Heart of Mary Community. It has been an unusual start to a new Headship and I ask for your prayers as we start this new term.

Mrs O'Neill served this community for 21 years, and we keep her and her family in our prayers too.

At this time it is crucial that we keep members of the school community as safe as possible.

Covid 19: If your child displays any symptoms of corona virus, please keep them off school and inform the school immediately (press '1' when you ring the school).

If your child has a positive test, you need to inform me on vqurrey@mary.havering.sch.uk immediately. They should then isolate for at least 10 days.

Please ensure you follow advice on the NHS website regarding the different lengths of time self-isolation/family isolation is required.

If we have cases in school where a year group needs to isolate, work will be provided for your daughter via google classroom. Please ensure that your daughter is able to access this platform. A survey will be sent home regarding if you would need Key Worker provision in the event of a year group having to work from home.

Face Masks: After reviewing the last two days in school, the next step we are introducing is to make the wearing of masks by students and staff mandatory except in classrooms, outside in the grounds and when students are eating in the Old Hall/Garden Room or Ambulatory. Please can your daughter have her own bottle of sanitiser as she will need to use this regularly if she touches her mask on removing it. A sanitiser is also available in every classroom and throughout main areas of the school. This requirement will take place from **Thursday, 10 September, 2020**. If your daughter is exempt from wearing a mask, please contact their Head of Year.

Homework: Homework will continue to be sent this term on google classroom – you can see what your daughter is being set and monitor her work.

Lunch Payment: Please ensure that if your daughter needs to buy food in school she has enough on her Scopay account. Lunch time is only 30 minutes and the canteen is not open before school or at break, so she needs to have enough food/drink with her in school.

Uniform: Please ensure that your daughter is in correct uniform. She is able to wear PE kit on the days she core PE. False eyelashes, fake tan, make-up, acrylic nails are not permitted and only natural hair colourings. Please support us with this.

This week we will be arranging for pupils to collect any possessions left in their lockers.


Mobile Phones: If your daughter needs to bring in a mobile phone to school it must be switched off before she enters via the school gate and should not be used again until she leaves the school premises after school. Sixth Form are allowed their phones in their block, but not walking around the school. If your daughter does not adhere to this rule her phone will be confiscated. Please support us with this.

Travel to School: I know that there are issues with lack of space on buses. I have written to TFL regarding this issue.

Open Evening: Next week, there will be filming taking place for a video prospectus/Open Evening. Your daughter may be included in background shots etc. Any pupil interviewed will be given a consent form.

I am looking forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks and months.

God Bless



Ms V Qurrey
Headteacher