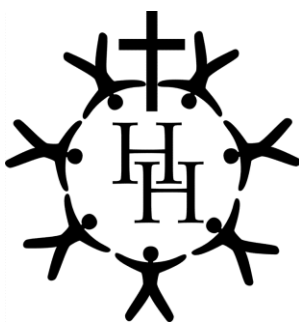


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News Sheet

Discussion topic: "The time is always right to do what is right" – Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Covid Update

Despite dropping case rates nationally, Kirklees has had the unfortunate title of being the Local Authority with the highest infection rate in the country over the past week. This is something we must all work to reduce by following the rules as carefully as possible.

Kirklees website states that *"What the data does tell us, is that this is not over and now is not the time for us to be complacent."*

We have far more freedoms than we had even a few weeks ago and it is worth using these safely to avoid not just local or national lockdowns, but to prevent the virus from spreading or anyone close to you becoming ill. In school, we have had no cases and we have no families self isolating at the moment so things are certainly more comfortable than they were in Autumn term however our children are telling us of visits to other people's homes (indoors) and sleepovers. Please remember that any visits to the homes of others must be conducted outdoors. Please also continue to be vigilant and cautious. We still have to social distance and we still have to wash our hands regularly with soap and water. Let's continue to work together to get through this.

If you wish to contact myself or any member of staff, please call the school office on 01924 463035 for an appointment. Email addresses are for emergency use only and Seesaw is for home learning only. Thank you.

Reading

We all know that reading is a key skill both for all aspects of learning and in life.

For this reason, we have always emphasised the importance of reading at home as well as in school as it is proven that the more practise children have, the better they are at reading and subsequently many other areas of the curriculum.

May I ask parents please to make sure that children are reading at home **at least 4 times per week** and that this reading is recorded in their reading log so that teachers can review this and support children in achieving their very best. We will be reintroducing our "Class reader of the week" into our Star of the week assemblies from next week and we hope to see many children's opportunities to read increase in the meantime.

It is clear that lockdown has impacted learning in many ways for our children and this is a very simple but effective way to help get them back on track. Many thanks for your support.

School uniform – Hair styles

Thank you for your efforts to ensure that children have the correct footwear in school. May I also direct parents/carers to our code on hair styles which states that *"Pupils are not expected to attend school with braiding, beading, brightly coloured hair dyes or tramline/razor cut patterns in their hair All hair bobbles, slides etc must be discreet and plain, dark colours."* Long hair must be tied back away from the face for safety and hygiene reasons. Thank you for your support.

"Let all that you do be done in love"