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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4! We are very excited to welcome back the students over the next two weeks. Our digital space that contains a plethora of information about the return to face-to-face learning has now been published. We suggest you make it a 'favourite' in your browser so that you can locate it easily in the future. The URL is <https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/hfsreturntoschool2021/>. A key adjustment we have made is related to drop off and pick up. Below you will find a summary that was included in our digital space.

Morning Drop Off

Students travelling to school by car must be dropped off through Kiss and Drop. No parking will be permitted and parents/carers are to remain in cars. To facilitate this, Kiss and Drop times will be extended, staff supervision will be increased and there will be three drop-off zones. To keep everyone safe, students need to be able to exit the car independently and on the left-hand side of the car where possible. Staff are unable to open doors. **Kiss and Drop will be operational from 8:35 to 9:15am.** Your cooperation in adhering to these times is greatly appreciated. Cars will be admitted to the drop-off zones three (3) at a time. Please drive forward to the furthest most available zone. Students exit the car independently and on the left where possible. Students move straight to class following the pathway.

Please familiarise yourself with the map below so that this process will run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.



Afternoon Pick Up

Students travelling home by car must be picked up from the PICK-UP ZONE. No parking will be permitted and parents/carers are to remain in cars.

To facilitate this, pick up times will be extended and teacher supervision will be increased. **Pick up will be operational from 2:45 to 3:30pm.** Your cooperation in adhering to these times is greatly appreciated. To keep everyone safe, students need to be able to enter the car independently and on the left-hand side of the car where possible. Staff are unable to open doors. To minimise delays, parents are asked to display the FAMILY NAME on the windscreen so that children can be called and ready to enter the car quickly and safely. The eldest child in each family will be provided with an A4 sign with the family name.

Please familiarise yourself with the map below so that this process will run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.



Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

eSafety Advice

Recently our school counsellor, Alison Docanto, shared that her colleagues have been hearing a lot from parents and carers about excessive use of devices during lockdown and families struggling to cope with managing this. Some families have expressed that it has become an addiction for their child and quite problematic.



If you have similar concerns there are some great resources for parents online. You may already be familiar with the eSafety Commissioner's website (<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>). They currently offer workshops for parents around gaming addiction and also have a picture book for young children around online safety and some rules around using devices.

Staff Development Days

Following are the dates for the remaining staff development days this year. A reminder that children do not attend school on these days.

- Monday, 13 December
- Tuesday, 14 December
- Wednesday, 15 December



Please note that the student's final day will be Friday, 10 December.

2021/22 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2021 and 2022 can be viewed in our online school calendar. The calendar can be viewed on our school website <http://www.hfluddenham.catholic.edu.au/en/Our-Community/Events>





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