



# Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form



**Headteacher:** Mrs C Laws BA Hons

ASPIRE TO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY

*'Aspire not to have more, but to be more.'* Oscar Romero

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, Anti-Bullying Week took place this week. To mark this national week, students were asked to wear odd socks to school for Odd Socks Day and there were assemblies for all year groups as well as form time activities linked to the theme of "Reach Out". You can read more in this month's edition of Family Matters on our website or by following the link below:

### [Family Matters November issue](#)

As a school, we take bullying extremely seriously and we always take action in line with our behaviour policy. This includes using serious sanctions such as suspension from school and in severe cases, permanent exclusion. We use our Safer Schools police team to work with children to raise awareness of the consequences and impact of bullying and to mediate when bullying does occur.

Since the start of the year, all year groups have had assemblies on keeping safe, consent and anti-bullying. Schools nationally, including primary schools, are seeing an increase in sexualised language and behaviours directly linked to online activity. Although this can be a sensitive area it is very important that we as a school address this with all our young people, and this will be part of our programme of assemblies over the next few weeks.

It has been brought to our attention by the Safer Schools police team that children are increasingly vulnerable to websites encouraging them to bully other children or force them to do things against their will. It is really important that you keep an eye on your child's online activity and monitor their phone use.

The NSPCC provide useful information to children and parents about how to avoid online harms, and you can get more information from their website by clicking the link below:

### [NSPCC online safety information](#)

#### Walthamstow House Site

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The safety and wellbeing of our students is our main priority and we continually look to improve how we keep children safe while they are in school.

Students can anonymously report any concerns they have via our SHARP reporting system which can be found on the school website; they can also feel confident to approach any member of staff for advice.

We are currently running student surveys on safety so that students can tell us about any issues in school relating to their safety, and we will act upon what we learn from these.

In the next few weeks parent workshops will also take place so that you can be informed about current issues, learn about what the school is doing to keep your child safe, and find out what you as parents and carers can do.

If you would like to discuss any concerns or issues you may have regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Below are the names of staff whose roles are directly linked to student safety and wellbeing:

Name	Role	Based on
Mr Gharu	Deputy Headteacher: Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Wiseman Site
Mr Murphy	Deputy Headteacher	Walthamstow Site
Mrs Gaynor	Assistant Headteacher	Walthamstow Site
Mr Fidegnon	Assistant Headteacher	Wiseman Site
Ms Darko	Deputy DSL/ Behaviour Lead	Walthamstow and Wiseman sites
Ms Gbeve	Mental Health Lead	Walthamstow and Wiseman sites
Ms Hall	Associate Headteacher: HSB Lead	Walthamstow and Wiseman sites
Mr Freeman	Year Leader for Y7	Walthamstow site
Mr Graefe	Year Leader for Y8	Walthamstow site
Ms Osei	Year Leader for Y9	Wiseman site
Mr Sayer	Year Leader for Y10	Wiseman site
Ms St-Aimie	Year Leader for Y11	Wiseman site
Ms Belgrave	Year Leader for Y12	Walthamstow site
Mr Wilbraham	Year Leader for Y13	Walthamstow site

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support of the school's work. We are committed to working in partnership with you to ensure that your child is safe, happy and successful here at Holy Family.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Laws". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a distinct 'L'.

Carolyn Laws  
Headteacher