

The Holy Family

Catholic School

a voluntary academy



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10 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As school finishes for the half-term break, I write to thank you for your continued support and to update you on a few key pieces of information.

We are delighted with the way that the vast majority of students have continued to engage with school life positively this half-term. I would like to acknowledge particularly those students who have undertaken Trail Examinations since Christmas. The whole staff team are extremely impressed with their determination to complete these as well as they could. Going forward, we will be doing everything we can in school to support them in the final few months prior to them sitting their final examinations.

I would like to thank you for your support when earlier this month we had to take the difficult decision to close the school as a result of teaching staff taking industrial action. You will be aware that more action is planned for Tuesday, 28 February. I am hopeful that an agreement will be reached between the Government and teaching unions prior to that date and that the action will not take place. However in the event that it does go ahead, I will be in touch after the holiday to inform you of arrangements.

Thank you to those of you who continue to ensure that your child(ren) attends school every day wearing full and correct uniform. We continue to strive to ensure that all students are correctly dressed as per the uniform policy which is available on the school website and thank you for your support with this. Can I please draw your attention in particular to the section relating to appropriate school trousers and also acceptable haircuts.

Please can I ask that you remind your child(ren) of the importance of being punctual to school and to lessons throughout the school day. Students are required to be on site at 8.35 am each morning to ensure they arrive at their form room/assembly on time. We are monitoring attendance and punctuality closely and would very much value your support in helping us to improve this further.

May I remind you that there is lots of useful information regarding all aspects of school life on our website. In particular, there is a Safeguarding tab under the Parents and Students sections on the site. This section contains information which may be useful for people facing challenges at what continues to be a difficult time for many. There is also an option to report any concerns you may have. This facility will be monitored over the half-term holiday. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to.

We also make regular use of social media to share information regarding what is happening in the school. We have a school Twitter feed: @THFCS_Official, and we have recently launched a school Facebook page; @HolyFamilyCatholicSchoolKeighley. Thank you to those of you who already follow us on social media and please consider doing so if you don't already.

Following the half-term holiday, school will re-open for staff and students on Monday, 20 February 2023.

I wish you and your families are safe and restful half-term break.

Yours sincerely

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