

The Holy Family

Catholic School

a voluntary academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

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

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.

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.

You will recall that we had to delay opening the school to some students at the beginning of the Autumn Term last September due to the discovery of RAAC in some of our buildings the week before the start of term. I am delighted that we have been able to keep the school fully open and running effectively since then and I am in at least weekly contact with the Department for Education, working towards securing temporary accommodation which, when in place, will help us to return to our more usual routines. The Department for Education has asked me to share the following update with you:

'The Department for Education has been working closely with The Holy Family Catholic School and the Trust, to minimise disruption to pupils while we manage the issue of RAAC in the school's buildings and would like to thank the Headteacher, Sharon Mather and all staff and pupils at the school for their hard work and perseverance. The Department have been working to secure temporary classrooms and accommodation; we are in the process of finalising the details and further information will be shared in due course. We would like to thank Ms Mather and the Trust for their commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the school community at this time.'

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 challenging 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, 19 February 2024.

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

Yours sincerely

S Mather
Headteacher

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