



Saint Felix School

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Pupils

This is just a small letter to thank you all for your contribution to all aspects of school life over the past few weeks, which have been difficult for the majority of us in some way or another. When I wished you all a Merry Christmas in my December letter, I could not have anticipated that by March I would not have yet seen the vast majority of you in person. And although we return to school on Monday with caution, we should see March 8th 2021 as a day of optimism, which will bring good cheer and happiness to a lot of people.

My Senior Leaders will have already been in touch with the arrangements for Monday's return and I would like to thank them for managing the process with such foresight and diligence, leaving no room for error or ambiguity. Similarly, I would like to thank the team who carried out hundreds of lateral flow tests over the past few months as it gave us a higher degree of confidence that we were making the school as safe as possible for the children of critical works and the staff who have had to work on site since the beginning of term.

The most heartfelt thanks must also go to the staff behind the successful remote learning programme. The comments I have received from parents and even pupils during this period has confirmed everything that I already knew about the school's teachers and learning support assistants. The planning, execution and innovation of the education this term has been noted by many individuals external to the school and I am pleased to note that several new families have either joined the school or will join on Monday or after Easter due to the reputation earned by Saint Felix in delivering high quality education and care. It is so pleasing to be able to recruit new pupils so effectively based on our school ethos, vision and reputation. I welcome these families to the Saint Felix community.

I am not, by nature, one to give gratuitous praise or hugs and kisses, but I do write to you all with a genuine humility and gratitude in the way that you have all responded to the various setbacks posed by Covid-19 and its direct impact on face-to-face education. I said to you in March 2020 that we will be a stronger community when this is all over; a belief that I hold with even more conviction, as I write today.

I do hope you all enjoy the weekend and are able to have confidence in coming back to school. Remember we will not force anyone to do anything that they feel uncomfortable with and I recognise that I constantly rely on the good will of you all; I hope though that in relying on it so frequently during the past year, I have not taken it for granted.

March 8th is Saint Felix Day and how fitting that we should celebrate the 124th Anniversary of our beloved school by hearing the noise of children in the corridors and the buzz of teaching in the classrooms again.

With much love

James Harrison
Headmaster