



Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you, your family and friends are safe and well.

As the national measures continue I would like to thank you all for your support in reiterating them to your sons and daughters. I am incredibly proud of our students and all of them have been great in school and the vast majority have been brilliant in our community.

The major focus of my letter this week is an initiative to support families who may be heading into the Christmas period out of work, after being made redundant, furloughed on reduced salary or not able to run their business due to the restrictions in place. I know the Community and Faith Food banks are extremely well supported but it can be difficult to donate at the moment. We hope to support families in our community at this difficult time with your help.

Horsforth School Food Bank initiative

We would like to be able to put together parcels for anyone who has been negatively affected by this year's events. We understand that this time of year can be a real challenge for families at the best of times, and that a bit of extra support can go a long way to making things a little easier. Items that would make good donations include;

- tinned goods (vegetables, fruit, meat, soups)
- cereals
- pasta/rice/noodles
- lentils/pulses
- tea/coffee
- sugar/flour
- biscuits/sweets
- UHT milk
- fruit juice/cordials
- toiletries & sanitary products
- cleaning products

These donations would then be parcelled up and distributed out to the community before Christmas.

Horsforth School Present Bank initiative

In addition to these parcels, we'd also like to try and spread a little Christmas joy. No child should go without at least one present on Christmas day but we are well aware that sadly this is a very real

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possibility, within our community, this year. If you would like to support this initiative what we would ask you to do is the following:

- Decide upon a gender and age bracket that the present is suitable for.
- Wrap up the gift and label (none permanent such as a post-it) giving us a general idea of who it's aimed at i.e. 5-8 year old girl or 13-16 year old boy.
- Suitable presents may include; toys, games, books, CDs/DVDs, stationary sets, craft sets, toiletry gift packs, make-up/hair accessories, gift vouchers, tech accessories, selection boxes, clothes.

If you wish to participate in either/both of these schemes we would request that students bring the items and deposit them in the boxes by their bubble entrance. We will leave these in storage for 48 hours before we sort them.

We'd kindly request that all donations are made by Wednesday 9th December in order to allow us time to sort, package and then distribute out again.

This initiative will be led by Mr Bennett and Mr Long in our Pastoral Team. If you are able to support this we would greatly appreciate it but I am aware that this is a difficult time or you simply do not wish to so there is no expectation of students having to do this.

Getting and staying connected for remote learning

If a student needs to isolate or they need to learn remotely there are sometimes issues with internet connectivity and access to a device to learn through.

If you do have these issues please call the school (0113 226 5454) or email (info@horsforthschool.org) and mark for the attention of Mr Watkins.

For students struggling we may be able to lend a device or help with internet access.

Attitude to Learning (ATL) Superstars

Following our recent Progress Review, the top 20 students in each year group with the highest Attitude to Learning (ATL) scores will receive a text or email home to congratulate them on their fantastic effort and positive attitude. A huge well done to all of our students who are consistently trying hard in their lessons and achieving high ATL scores of 5 and 6 in all of their subjects.

200 Credit Commendation Letters

We are delighted at the amount of students in Years 7-11 who have achieved the first letter of 'Commendation' to congratulate them for reaching 200 rewards 'Credits' by last half term holiday. This means that a student has shown 'Exceptional Performance' in their first half term. A score of 200 Credits is an accumulation of the Banked 'Getting It Right' Credits and more importantly the extra 'Bonus Credits'. Bonus Credits are awarded for exceptional effort, attitude, assistance, work, homework, improvement, help, manners and participation.

Reaching this score is an excellent achievement. It shows that students have maintained an exemplary attitude and approach to school life and have consistently brought their best to Horsforth School and in even more so in these challenging times.

Training Days

I would like to remind you of two upcoming training days when the School will be closed to students: on Friday 27th and Monday 30th November. School will reopen as normal on Tuesday 1st December 2020.

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We continue to have a calm, purposeful and positive atmosphere in school and it is still a joy to come to work every day! These are challenging times for everyone but the Horsforth community has had a really positive collective response and it has meant that whilst we have had positive cases we have been less affected than many other schools.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher