



THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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Dear Parents,

At the start of the new academic year, after a very strange few months, I would like to welcome you all back to school. I know that the staff have been working hard to ensure that the school is a safe and happy place for your child and they are looking forward to the new term.

Pope Francis encourages the staff in our school in these words: *'Teaching is a beautiful job; as it allows you to see the growth day by day of people entrusted to your care. It is a little like being parents, at least spiritually. It is a great responsibility'*. I would like to thank them all for their dedication and commitment particularly during these challenging times. Thank you too for your part in the 'home schooling'. Parents are *'the first of teachers'* as we hear in the Baptism liturgy.

I extend a special welcome to the Class of 2020, starting school for the first time. Some of you would have come to Holy Ghost Church to ask for the Sacrament of Baptism 3 or 4 years ago. As a pupil of St. Joseph's School, your child has now reached the next milestone and is stepping out, with other young members of our community, to becoming an important individual in the parish family.

Normally we begin the start of each new term with a mass in school to which you are invited but sadly this is not possible at the moment. I encourage you to bring your child to mass in church instead. You can check the parish website each week to see the times of mass and will be most welcome to join us as a parish, together with the school staff and governors.

As a parish, we are here to support you and the whole school community over the coming weeks, months and years and I very much look forward to you joining with our worshipping community.

May God bless you,

Fr Philip

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cc Staff & Governors