

# ST HUGH'S SCHOOL



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Head Teacher: Tracy Millard

16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you all well and no doubt extremely busy as Christmas is fast approaching. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and good health and blessings for 2021.

A reminder that students finish school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### Important provisional dates to remember

	Close	Re-open
February Half Term	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
Easter Break	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May Day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	
Whitsun Half Term	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Summer Break	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	TBC

- Team Base Photographs - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

With the Festive period approaching we are writing to inform you that [www.Kooth.com](http://www.Kooth.com), a free, safe and confidential way for young people to receive counselling, support and advice online, will still be accessible over the break from school. We know that there are times when life can feel like a struggle and some extra support can be needed. Recognising this, Kooth has been commissioned by North Lincolnshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Group to provide support for young people aged 11- 25, who live within North Lincolnshire.

Kooth is accessible 24/7 365 days of the year and provides access to quality counselling from BACP or UKCP accredited counselling professionals via a text based format from 12noon to 10pm on weekdays, and 6pm-10pm on weekends, providing a much needed 'out of hours' service. Kooth is accessible from any device that can access the Internet, allowing young people to seek help and support at a time and location that is suitable for them.

In addition to the counselling, Kooth provides a fantastic, safe place for peer to peer support through forums where all contributions are moderated before being posted. Young people can also access the Magazine and Articles section where they can read approved content from individuals in similar situations to their own or even write their own articles.

Kooth is not a replacement for any in person support for a young person; rather it is an additional means of accessing further support.



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Although the Government have stated that households may mix with two other households in total between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020, can I kindly ask our school community to try and use sensible judgement. Our actions over Christmas will have a direct impact on what will happen at the beginning of next year and will determine what decisions the school make going forward.

We will re-visit our school organisation once we have returned in the New Year and have an awareness of our staffing levels.

Please may I share the following poem with you.

Christmas is upon us,  
It will soon be Christmas day,  
School books, papers, pencils,  
Have all been put away,  
It's time to forget our busy lives,  
And take some time to see,  
That home is where the heart is,  
It's where we want to be,  
So we wish you much joy,  
Especially at Christmas time,  
May peace and love surround you,  
As the Christmas bells start to chime.

Thank you for your continued support during 2020. We look forward to working together over the forthcoming year. I would like to wish you all a peaceful and restful Christmas.

Kind regards

T Millard  
Headteacher

