



# Milne's High School

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Dear Parent

I write to you at the end of what has been another busy term with many high points as well as tough situations. I am pleased with how the school is progressing and I want to take this opportunity to thank parents for your part in helping our school to grow and develop, despite these challenging times.

As I walk around the school on a regular basis, I am pleased to see so many creative examples of learning and teaching, despite the restrictions of COVID-19. Across the school, committed and hardworking staff are engaging with motivated and determined young people. We also witness our young people succeed and achieve both inside and outside the classroom. Of course, this would not happen without your much valued support and encouragement. If you read this letter early on Tuesday then don't forget to tune into KCR at 7 pm for a broadcast of our Christmas Concert. Friday 18 December is our Christmas challenge day and our young people can wear something comfortable and a touch festive, including Christmas jumpers or accessory. At the time of writing, many departments are receiving great entries to their "twelve days of Christmas" challenge. All fundraising must be concluded by Wednesday 16 December, therefore, we request that if you are able to donate a non-perishable food item for the foodbank or some money to this appeal, then please do so by the end of Wednesday.

Please refer to the letter from Vivienne Cross, Chief Education Officer, last week which outlined arrangements over the holiday period should there be a positive case of COVID-19 at the end of term or beginning of the holidays. The school will be closed from 2.00 pm on Friday 18 December until 7.45 am on Tuesday 5 January and in the event of the requirement to provide contact tracing details to Public Health, these will be supplied by our fellow team members at Central HQ in Moray Council. You can still email the admin address over the holidays to keep us updated of any significant information, particularly related to COVID-19 and we will receive these on the morning of 5 January 2021. This high level of communication from parents has been invaluable. It has also been appreciated that parents with concerns have contacted us at the school directly and overall, this has provided a degree of reassurance to both parties. I look forward to continuing this partnership in 2021 as we all strive for the same goals – to achieve the best for our young people, balanced with ensuring the safety of the school community.

Please remember to only allow your children to return to school after the holidays if they and your household/close contacts are completely COVID-19 symptom free. Remember that notifying us of a positive test does not bring judgement, investigation or breach of confidentiality from school staff – our aim is to protect our school community and support all our families, so we look forward to parents continuing to keep us informed of individual family circumstances.

I know this has been a challenging year for all staff, pupils and families. In addition, it is important to acknowledge that unfortunately, many of our families have faced significant difficulties this year: bereavement, financial hardship, employment uncertainty, illness (including COVID-19) or other testing times. You are all very much in our thoughts at this time of year and I hope that all our families have a happy Christmas and I wish you all a safe and healthy 2021.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Cameron', written in a cursive style.

Mrs T Cameron  
Head Teacher