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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to remind you that St John's RC Academy will be closed from Wednesday 16 February to Friday 18 February inclusive for our mid-term break. Our nursery school will also be closed to our **term time pupils**. We are really looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Monday 21 February for what will be another very busy term with lots of great things to look forward to. Certainly, with the days becoming longer and the daffodils beginning to bloom there is an air of hope and change. We look forward to slowly returning to normal and bringing joy back into our school community.

Since starting at St John's sadly, I have noticed that there has been a decline in the uniform standards. Coming to the mid-term break I thought it would be a good idea to remind our pupils and parents of our expectations for our pupils wearing school uniform. For information on what our uniform is please follow this link- [Uniform at St John's RC Academy | St John's RC Academy \(st-johnsacademy.org.uk\)](http://www.st-johnsacademy.org.uk).

Uniform plays a very important part in training our children and young people for the world of work. Pupils wearing uniform also helps with behaviour and engagement in lessons. Research states that when pupils are in full school uniform, they are more focused and ready to learn, and there are less incidents of disruptive behaviour. Most importantly though, uniform is a great way to keep our school community safe. We are a community campus and having all our pupils in full school uniform makes it easier for us to quickly identify unwanted guests on school grounds. Therefore, I would be very grateful for your support in ensuring your child comes to school in their full school uniform. I appreciate that there may be some parents who are struggling financially during these difficult times, and if this is the case, I would urge you to contact your child's Guidance Teacher (Secondary) or Depute Head Teacher (Primary) in the strictest of confidence for support.

Warmest regards,

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