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Dear Parent/Carer

As we arrive at the mid-term break I am writing to remind you that the school will be closed to pupils from Monday 10th to Thursday 13th February and will re-open as normal on Friday 14th February 2020.

This is a busy school term for pupils with our seniors working towards completing courses for their upcoming May exams and pupils across the school finalising course choices for next session. Thanks to the continuing support of the families of Kilsyth Academy pupils, our school had one of the highest pupil attendance rates in North Lanarkshire last session and that continues to be the case. However, we know we can still do better and we know there is a direct connection between good attendance and pupil success at Kilsyth Academy. Some of the immediate implications of missing school are:

- Being absent for 3 days of school in a week can mean losing all of a subject's teaching for that week
- Young people find it stressful when they have to re-join a class having missed work or teaching. The longer the absence, the harder it is to feel caught up.

Therefore, I would like to ask for your continued support of our attendance campaign #everydaycounts in ensuring that pupils attend school every day unless unable to do so. With that in mind, I want to point out that, although a one day week for pupils, next Friday will be a normal working day with regular lessons and learning taking place.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you about our current staffing. Recently, Mr Ross McCallum joined us as the Principal Teacher of Technologies and digital Literacy and we are delighted to welcome him to our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our pupils, and parents an enjoyable and restful break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back next Friday for the second half of the winter term.

Yours sincerely

Gregg Orrock
Head Teacher

