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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Holocaust Memorial Day: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

This has been the focus for our daily collective worship this week. The theme for 2023 is 'Ordinary People'. This theme was chosen because 'ordinary people' were involved in all aspects of the Holocaust. Ordinary people were perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers, witnesses – and ordinary people were victims. Today we remembered the victims of the Holocaust and pledged to stand against prejudice and hatred. Our chapel has an exhibition of portraits of 'ordinary people' and thought provoking literature about genocide and the Holocaust.



Sir Nicholas Winton, a young stockbroker, rescued 669 children from Czechoslovakia, bringing them to the UK, thereby sparing them from the horrors of the Holocaust.

**'Why are you making such a big deal out of it? I just helped a little; I was in the right place at the right time.' Sir Nicholas Winton**

**Arrangements for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February-** A separate letter has been emailed.

It is with regret, but obviously understandable with the strike action, that we will have to close for some Year groups on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Year 7 and Year 11 can attend school as normal. Years 8, 9 and 10 will have work set on Classcharts. We have prioritised our youngest students, where childcare may have been an issue and Year 11 who are preparing for their GCSE exams. We thank you for your understanding; it is a difficult situation and we have explored all options.

### **Governance**

We currently have **vacancies for Foundation Governors** on our Academy Council. If you are Catholic and would like to find out more about this role, please call us or send an email to [enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org](mailto:enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org)

Our governors do an amazing job and really support the school and our Mission. We would be grateful if you could 'pass the word' if you think of anyone in, or outside of our community who may be interested! Thank you.

Finally, we invited some visitors into school this week to look at learning in the school and the improvements we have made at Holy Family. They were very complimentary about our school and students. #proudheadteacher

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs D. Mitchell  
Headteacher