

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Student School Support payments for the academic year 2024/2025 can now be paid in advance on our school app in full or in two installments with payment due by 31st August 2024.

The Board of Management is extremely grateful for your ongoing support for your child's educational journey at HFSS. Voluntary secondary schools, such as HFSS, are not fully funded by the Department of Education and Skills and the school support payment is very necessary to make up the shortfall in funding from the government. We could not run the school without your support.

This payment you contribute every year is needed to provide for your child in the school, such as personal insurance, additional administrative and caretaker support for the school, faith formation activities, lockers, IT facilities, IT licenses (e.g. Microsoft 365/TEAMS), subsidising of extra-curricular events and transport, aptitude testing, stationery, house and mock examinations, photocopying, school app/text messaging services and school events. We ask you to make this contribution to support our ongoing commitment to providing high standards for a well-rounded, holistic education for our students at HFSS.

In a very positive initiative, the **new Junior Cycle Schoolbooks Scheme** was recently introduced. This means that textbooks will be provided by the school, on loan, for the duration of the Junior Cycle studies from the incoming First Years group. More details will follow in due course as the scheme is finalized by the Department of Education. We continue to fundraise to restore our school stage. Should parents wish to support the rolling fundraiser to upgrade the Front Hall Stage we have suggested a €50 amount. We are progressing steadily with the planning for our significant school extension and we will keep you updated as these plans unfold.

If your daughter **is not returning to HFSS for the next school year**. We would ask that you notify the school admissions office at administration@holyfamily.ie

Sincere regards,
Sarah Allen

| 2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th , 6 th Years | |
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| One pupil from a family | €200 per pupil |
| Two or more pupils from the same family: | €20 reduction |

| Transition Year |
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| €350 excluding the 2 night bonding trip in August to Colaiste Acla (Achill Island) |
| €500 including the bonding trip in August to Colaiste Acla (Achill Island) |

DES SCHOOL HOLIDAYS & BREAKS 2024/25

TERM ONE:

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| HALLOWEEN BREAK | MONDAY 28 th OCTOBER 2024 | FRIDAY 1 st Nov 2024 (INCL.) |
| CHRSTMAS HOLIDAYS | Friday 20 th DECEMBER 2024 | Friday 3 rd JANUARY 2025 (INCL.) |

TERM TWO:

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| SPRING BREAK | MONDAY 17 th FEBRUARY 2025 | FRIDAY 21 st FEBRUARY 2025 |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS | MONDAY 14 th April 2025 | FRIDAY 28 th APRIL 2025 (INCL.) |

TERM THREE:

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| STATE EXAMINATIONS | WEDNESDAY 4 th JUNE 2025 | Tuesday 24 th JUNE 2025 |
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