

# Heatherwood School

*an academy within Nexus MAT*

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Headteacher: Miss. Lyndsey Proctor



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you well, and that you have had a lovely summer! We are back in full swing at Heatherwood, and have had an amazing start to our 2024-2025 school year!

We are thrilled to welcome back all of our incredible pupils, and want to say a very warm Heatherwood welcome to our 18 new pupils and their families, across a number of our classes in school. I have already met most of our new families, please do pop along to a Friday Coffee Morning if you haven't yet, to say hello.

## Post 16 Residential

A big shout to Jessi-Mai, Michael A and Dylane, our Post 16 students who are on residential this week, to complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. Best wishes to you all!

## Open Week

We will be opening our doors to welcome our families during our Open Week, the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please find your child's class in the list below, and let their teacher know, via Seesaw, if you will be attending and when. Please respond by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**.

### EYFS

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – 1.30-2.30pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – 10.00-11.00am

### Red Class

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – 1.45-2.45pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30-10.30am

### Purple Class

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - 1.15-1.45pm

### Blue Class

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – 1.30-2.30pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – 10.30-11.30am

### Yellow Class

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>- 9:30-10:30

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## ARC

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – 1.30-2.30pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – 9.30-10.30am

## Sixth Form

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – 1.15-2.25pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – 9.30-10.30am

## Post 16 – The Key

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – 1.15-2.15pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – 10.00 - 11.00am

## Parents' Evening

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September is our first parent and carer evening of the year. Each parent / carer is offered a 10 minute appointment, in which time you will have the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher about progress and how they have settled in to their new class. In addition to class teachers, our school nursing team, physiotherapy team and OT team will also be present to discuss any queries. Discussions with these professionals do not require an appointment. Appointments will start at 3:30pm, with last appointments taking place at 5:50pm. Please contact your child's teacher directly, via seesaw, to request an appointment. We will do our very best to accommodate the times requested by parents / carers, however this will be on a first come, first served basis.

## McMillan Coffee Morning

We will be raising funds for this very worthy cause with our Coffee Morning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please pop along and join us from 10.00-11.00am.

## Children's Epilepsy Nursing Team

We would like to share an update from the Children's Epilepsy nursing team here in Doncaster. Charlotte is our new nurse in the team working alongside John. We are going to start up clinics in Heatherwood School again from October, and will hold these monthly in school on the first Monday of every month. The first clinic will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> October and we will begin booking young people in. If you feel you need to see us, you are able to request an appointment, please contact either John or Charlotte and leave a message and we will get back to you and book this in.

Many thanks,

John (07917 232005) and Charlotte (07790973007)

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## Assistant Headteacher Candidates

I am thrilled to let you know, that I have shown eight prospective candidates around Heatherwood School over the past few days. We will be interviewing for a new Assistant Headteacher in early October. I will keep you posted; the standard of applicants has been excellent!

## Intensive interaction Interact Research Study

We are excited to be part of the Interact Research Study looking at an intervention to support communication skills in our young people. We know that children and young people with PMLD often struggle to communicate with those that care for them, such as their parents, carers and teachers. Intensive interactions is a development-based intervention designed to teach the fundamentals of communication. More information can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EppQXyl5FX-0&t=34s>

If you would like your child to take part in the study, please contact me at Heatherwood, via your child's class teacher on Seesaw.

## IDOX EHCP HUB

From September, the Annual Review process for all Education, Health and Care Plans, will be done online via the Idox Hub. Doncaster SEN team will be sending us information to share with you about this new process. Once we receive this, we will send it on to you. Families with reviews coming up in the next few weeks, please don't worry, we will contact you and support you through this new process.

## Headteacher Drop In Sessions

After the successful Coffee Morning I held last term, I will be hosting half-termly drop-in sessions for families. Families who attended last time, requested sessions on specific topics, with an opportunity to find out more about how Heatherwood "works". Our first session will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30-11.00am and will focus on intimate care. I look forward to seeing you there!

Thank-you so much for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Lyndsey Proctor  
Headteacher