

Heatherwood School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you well.

The Smallest Things is a registered charity supporting the needs of premature babies and their families following neonatal intensive care. The charity, run entirely by volunteers who have had premature babies themselves, is dedicated to making the world a better place for premature babies and their families.

The charity introduced the **Prem Aware School Award** in 2020, believing all children born premature must have the opportunity to achieve their best possible long-term outcomes, and that the needs of premature children must be met when they start their school journey. We know that the journey is different for every child and every family and while a child born preterm has an increased risk of displaying Special Educational Needs (SEN), not all children born preterm will have Special Educational Needs

We have completed staff training via the charity and have amended our admissions form to ensure that we know when a child or young person starts at Heatherwood, whether they were born premature. The training supports curriculum delivery in class and helps us to best support our young people.

We are thrilled to share that we have now been awarded the Prem School awareness mark. Should you have any questions or require more information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Lyndsey Proctor
Headteacher