

# Heatherwood School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you at the start of a very busy term! The pupils have settled back into school brilliantly, and classrooms have been buzzing with activity since they returned.

### **McMillan Coffee Morning**

This will take place this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September – please come along and see our newly refurbished Family Room!

### **Post 16 Futures Event @ The Bridge**

This will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 10am-12pm at our Bridge provision. This event is an opportunity for Year 11 and Post 16 parents, carers and students to be introduced to some of the Post 16/19 provision professionals. They can get to know what providers are out there when the time comes for them to move on. There will be a marketplace display of information on Post 16/19 providers and an informal opportunity for parents, carers and students to discuss any issues they may have, regarding Post 16/19 provision. Please confirm attendance with the office.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Please can I remind all our families to contact the school office if your child is ill or absent from school. Please do so as early as possible each morning of the absence. If you send a Seesaw message to your child's class teacher, please also be sure to contact the office. A polite reminder to our families that drop children off at Heatherwood, that we start school at 9am. Please ensure that your child is here by 9am each day; we have seen an increasing number of late marks for pupils – who sometimes arrive close to 930am. This equates to 2.5 hours of lost learning each week – nearly a day per fortnight. It is also very disruptive to pupils and class teams, who have to stop what they are doing to collect pupils from reception. Thank-you in advance for your support.

### **Parents' Evening**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September is our first parents 'evening of the year. Each parent 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, we are anticipating 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, however this will be on a first come, first served basis.

### **Seesaw**

As you know, the Seesaw app is our method of communication with you as our families! We would like to encourage you to like and comment on the posts that are shared by our class staff each week.



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Equally, if you would like to upload photos and comments, please do so! It is always so incredible for our staff teams to see what our pupils get up to outside of school hours.

## **NRS – Medequip**

Our Physiotherapy & OT teams have informed us that NRS services have recently moved to Medequip, but that this transition is not happening quickly. As a result, there will be delays in collection of equipment from pupil homes. There is a need to get all staff set up in the new system, to register all service users, to log all equipment and to arrange for collection. This transfer of provider has affected equipment provision throughout Doncaster NHS, and unfortunately at present, our equipment is not a priority. Medequip are in the process of collecting equipment as quickly as possible, and are doing what they can; however, much of the process is out of their hands.

Yours faithfully

Lyndsey Proctor  
Headteacher