

MR SINGH'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have been invited to attend and have attended our celebration assemblies. Your presence means so much - not only to us as a school community, but most importantly to your children. It is incredibly special for them to have their efforts and achievements recognised with the support of their loved ones, and we are truly grateful for your ongoing involvement. We can't wait to share your child's success (they will all be celebrated!) this academic year.

I would also like to express our sincere appreciation for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival. Your kindness and willingness to support others will make a real difference to those in need within our local community. The food and essential items collected will help families and individuals who are currently facing difficult times, and your contributions will help bring comfort and relief when it is needed most. Thank you for showing such compassion and community spirit.

Lastly, we are pleased to let you know that the Dojo Shop will be open during the week commencing 20th October, so children can look forward to spending their hard-earned points and celebrating their positive choices.

Thank you once again for your continued support. It is appreciated more than words can express.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mr Singh

KEY MESSAGES:

Attendance

At Heckmondwike Academy, we place great importance on regular school attendance. Attending school every day is vital to ensure that children make consistent progress, achieve their full potential, and build positive habits that will benefit them both academically and socially.

There is a clear link between high attendance and strong academic outcomes. Even a small number of days missed can have a significant impact on learning and progress, particularly as lessons move at pace and content builds on prior knowledge.

We understand that from time to time, absence due to illness or other exceptional circumstances is unavoidable. However, we are committed to working closely with families to ensure that every child attends school as regularly as possible.

If your child's attendance has fallen below 95%, you will have received a letter from us outlining our concerns. We expect to see an improvement following this communication.

Should there be no improvement, please be aware that we will need to escalate the matter in line with our attendance policy.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and ensuring your child benefits from every opportunity here at the Academy. If you are experiencing any difficulties impacting your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us – we are here to support you.

Thank you - Mr Wilson

School Dinners

Please note the following important information regarding selecting your child's school dinner:

- Meal selections must be made via the MCAS App.
- If no meal choice is submitted, a vegetarian option will be provided for your child.
- You can select your child's meal the evening before, ready for the following day.
- All meal choices must be submitted by 9:30am each day at the latest.

We appreciate your cooperation in using this system to help us provide your child with a smooth and enjoyable lunchtime experience.

If you have any issues accessing or using the MCAS App, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for support.

Coats

As we move further into autumn, we'd like to kindly remind all parents and carers to ensure that your child is bringing a coat to school each day. Mornings are noticeably colder, and a warm layer will help keep students comfortable throughout the day, particularly during break and lunch when they are outside.

Don't be late

Please also remember - punctuality is a key part of success at Heckmondwike Academy. We ask that all pupils **arrive at school by 8:40am** so they are ready to join their lines and take part in the Morning Welcome. **This is a crucial part of our daily routine** and sets a positive tone for the day.

Absence Reporting:

All absences must be **reported via telephone to the academy office before 8:30am on the day of absence and any subsequent days.**

Holiday Requests:

Please note that **holidays during term time are not permitted.** Any requests must be made through a formal meeting with Mr Singh and Mr Wilson in advance of any planned leave. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain high standards.

MCAS System

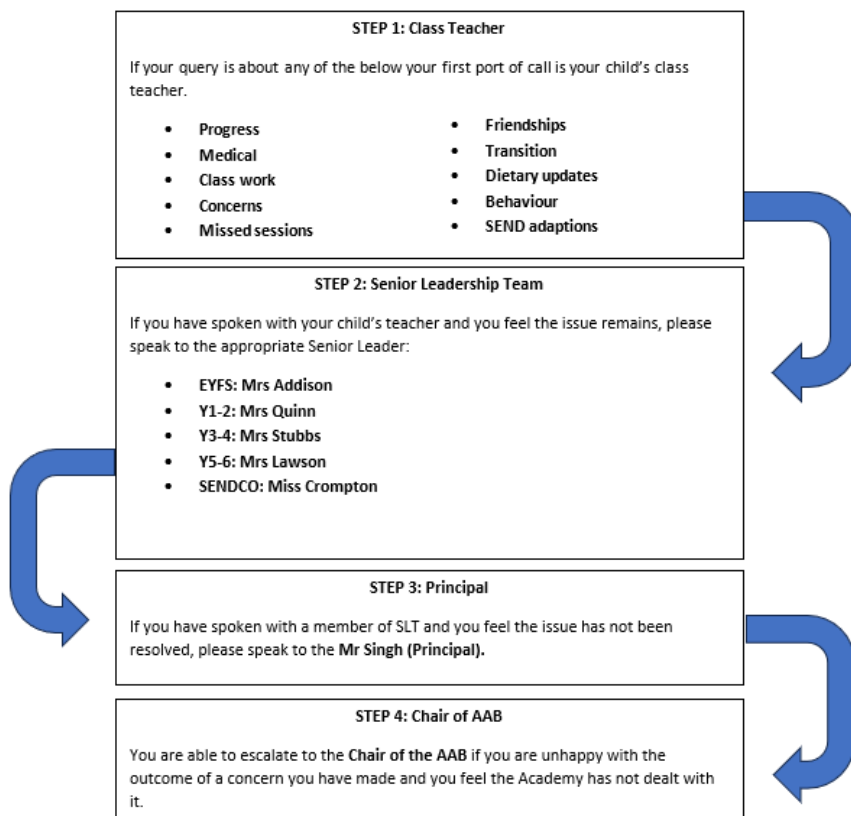
We would like to remind parents that the MyChildAtSchool (**MCAS**) system is used **exclusively for school payments and selecting school dinners.** All other communication should go through the appropriate channels outlined above.

School Communication

For any queries, please refer to the Parental Communication Process (below). This outlines the correct steps for getting in touch with the right member of staff for your concern.

Parent-School Communication 2025-26

Should you have any queries or would like to speak to a member of staff regarding anything – please follow the guidance below – this will ensure your queries are dealt with in a timely and effective manner.



PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL SHOULD YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

- Issues within the family that may affect your child's education, for example: housing, separation, social care
- Attendance issues
- Safeguarding concerns or queries
- Circumstances that affect your child's well-being

THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM AT HECKMONDWIKE

- Mrs Crompton (DSL)
- Mr J Singh (DDSL)
- Mrs Addison
- Mrs Quinn
- Mrs Stubbs (From 15th September)
- Mrs Lawson (From 15th September)
- Mr Wilson (From 15th September)

PLEASE KINDLY NOTE THE OFFICE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH:

- Reporting absence (this should be done at the earliest point possible)
- Change of personal details (such as address, phone numbers, passwords)
- Queries regarding online payment systems
- Reprint of any hard copies of correspondence
- Special leave form

ATTENDANCE

RS: 85.91%	RB: 99.13%
1Q: 93.21%	4CI: 95.56%
1D: 97.14%	4R: 94.98%
2W: 91.25%	5G: 98.89%
2B: 99.66%	5C: 95.58%
3A: 98.89%	6S: 97.00%
3AN: 89.09%	6L: 91.33%

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

1Q: Sahil Tanveer	4CI: Sufyan Ali
1D: Ayat Hussain	4R: Zayn Adil
2W: Abdul Hashmi	5G: Ayaan Hashmi
2B: Manha Irfan	5C: Habiba Abdin
3A: Mella Ibrahim	6S: Brendon Szennyai
3AN: Aleenah Wasif	6L: Parishay Farrukh

STAR AWARD

1Q: Eshaal Hussai	4Cl: Ibraheem Asif
1D: Naimal Mateen	4R: Sara Sohaib
2W: Rania Yasaf	5G: Fatimah Tuz Zahra
2B: Hassan Kauser	5C: Liberty-Lei Osborne
3A: Eshal Hussain	6S: Aisha Atif
3AN: Daniyal Hussain	6L: Halimah Hussain

KEY DATES

20.10.25: DOJO Pop-up Shop
27.10.25: School closed (Half term)
03.11.25: School re-open (Autumn 2)
09.12.25: Y1 Family Assembly (09:00)
09.12.25: Y4 Family Assembly (14:40)
10.12.25: Y2 Family Assembly (09:00)
10.12.25: Y5 Family Assembly (14:40)
11.12.25: Y6 Family Assembly (09:00)
11.12.25: Y3 Family Assembly (14:40)
11.12.25: Y1-Y3 Christmas Dinners
12.12.25: Y4-Y6 Christmas Dinners
15.12.25: DOJO Pop-up Shop
22.12.25: School closed (End of term)
05.01.25: INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
06.01.25: School re-open (Spring 1)