



The Heys School

16th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is the time of year when I like to send out a Christmas message to all our families to thank you for your support throughout the autumn term and wish you all well. I have been the Acting Headteacher of the Heys School for the past 4 weeks and I have enjoyed getting to know all the students and staff. It was wonderful to attend the recent school productions and meet some of the parents of the cast.

We are very proud of how students have settled with the changes to staffing in the school since September and we look forward to welcoming two new Science teachers, one after Christmas and one in February, and a new Maths teacher in the new year. This will provide even more consistency for our students.

There have been challenges regarding a small minority of students who have had to work a little harder to engage with the high expectations we have at The Heys School, but we are pleased with the progress they have made.

You will be aware that legally, morning registers close 30 minutes after they open, and so students who arrive to school after 9.05am will receive an absence mark for the morning session. Punctuality and attendance to school are therefore a key priority. It is refreshing to see that the vast majority of parents and carers support our Heys Way rules and expectations, I thank you. You place your trust in us, as a school, and your children know that. As a result, they too support and adhere to our high expectations.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our students back on January 4th. School starts at 8.35. I ask that you support your child, so that their first encounter with staff is positive by ensuring they are wearing full school uniform including their lanyard and carrying a bag. Piercings, nails, eyelashes etc are not allowed so it will be better for the children if this conversation does not need to take place in school.

May I thank all staff at school who contribute so much to the lives of our students. From all the staff at The Heys School, may I wish each and every one of you a happy and peaceful Christmas. I look forward to continuing our excellent work with you in 2023.

Best Wishes,

Mr P McKendrick

Acting Headteacher

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