



# Heathlands Primary School and Foundation Stage

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## The Heathlands High 5 Reward

We are sure you are all aware of our High 5 Reward for children in Foundation 2 to Year 6. If not, you can find the instructions for this challenge by following this link to our website - [Click Here](#)

This is a reward that is unique to our school and is part of a whole collection of positive rewards that take place including: Value Points and House Rewards; weekly awards in assemblies; stickers; messages home; reading awards including free books; as well as the individual reward systems teachers might have. These rewards are bestowed upon every single child. We strongly believe that celebrating positives, as much as possible, creates a positive school environment in which children can flourish and feel proud of their success.

Our *High 5 Reward* runs three times per year. We do this on purpose so that we can start afresh each new term and give children three opportunities each year for gaining the reward. We know that not every child can win every High 5 Reward every time, and that is what makes this reward special.

It is often the attendance aspect of the reward that can cause confusion and, sometimes, irritation. We have tried to simplify this. So from this term, to get the reward, children must be absent for **no more than two days per term**. This would be in line with the government's attendance expectations for a school year (the national average). If your child does not reach this aspect of the reward, we know that it could be for entirely understandable reasons. Please talk to your child about this and remind them that there are three opportunities to win the High 5 Reward each year, and 21 times across their time at the school. Please note that the following reasons for absence are **not** counted within the two day limit:

- Covid related absences
- Medical/Dental appointments

We do also have an appeals process for those who feel their child has met the High 5 criteria as set out on our website. Appeal forms can be obtained via the school office.

We really do appreciate your support with this. We know that it can be disappointing for your child if they have to miss out on the odd occasion but, in order to make this reward work and appeal to the children, we want to set high standards which we're sure you'll also want for our school and children too.

Thank you for the support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Walker  
Head Teacher

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Head of School