



Dear Parents and Carers,

School Priorities for 2024-2025

I wanted to write to you as we wave goodbye to September and hurtle headlong towards half term! I cannot believe children have been back at school for nearly 5 weeks now – doesn't time fly. I can honestly say though that they are absolutely doing you proud. They are polite, charming, hardworking and enthusiastic and to quote a recent visitor to school, 'our children's behaviour in lessons is commendable'.

I want to take this opportunity to share our priorities for the upcoming school year. Of course, our overall goal is to ensure every child thrives in a happy, safe, and supportive learning environment first and foremost.

Here's a summary of what we are focusing on in 2024-2025 to help your child succeed.

1. Raising Academic Standards

- **Focus on Phonics, Reading, Writing & Maths:** We are working hard to ensure all children meet or exceed national standards. Our teaching staff will be using new and improved strategies to support children's learning and close any gaps.
- **Regular Progress Checks:** Teachers will monitor your child's progress closely, ensuring support is provided when needed and celebrating their achievements along the way.

2. Supporting Every Child

- **Personalized Learning:** Some children need extra help to reach their full potential. We will be using special programs, like the Wakefield Progression Steps, to support those who find certain areas of learning more challenging.
- **Assessing and Adapting:** Teachers will regularly assess children's understanding and adjust lessons to meet their needs, ensuring that no one is left behind.

3. Building a Richer Curriculum

- **Broader Learning Experiences:** We are developing a curriculum that excites and inspires your child, not just in core subjects but across all areas of learning. Children will explore all foundation subjects, such as art, computing and history in more depth.
- **Enrichment Activities:** We know that learning doesn't just happen in the classroom. More school trips, clubs, and after-school activities will be available to help broaden children's experiences and build valuable life skills.



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4. Developing Character & Confidence

- **Personal Growth Programs:** Through programs like "Secrets to Success," we will focus on building children's resilience, confidence, and leadership skills, helping them become well-rounded individuals.
- **Listening to Pupil Voices:** We will continue to listen to your children's views through our school council and ambassador programs, encouraging them to take on leadership roles within the school.

5. Improving Behaviour & Well-being

- **Positive Behaviour Support:** Clear expectations for behaviour will help ensure a calm, respectful, and focused learning environment. For children who need extra support with behaviour, tailored strategies will be in place.
- **Engaging with Families:** We value your input! We will continue to reach out through surveys and events to involve you more in your child's education and strengthen the home-school partnership.

We believe these priorities will create an even stronger, more supportive learning community. We look forward to working with you to make this year the best yet for your child!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr Gough and the team at KMA