



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PDR/LMS

7 December 2021

Parent/Carer

Prize Giving 2021

It is with deep regret that I am compelled to write to you to notify you of our decision to cancel the Prize Giving evening due to be held on Tuesday 14 December 2021.

As I am sure you will appreciate, the decision has not been taken lightly and has only been done after consulting the DfE and the Director of Public Health in Kirklees. Whilst currently, we would be complying with legislation which would allow us to continue as planned, the greater question is whether in these specific circumstances, it is the right thing to do and morally and ethically correct. With the likelihood of the new Omicron variant spreading rapidly in the next few weeks and the knowledge that we would be bringing together university students from across the country to meet with parents/carers from multiple households in close proximity in to one large scale event, we feel it is not prudent to continue with our plans.

As I am sure you will appreciate, we are keen to celebrate the achievements made by our exceptional students over the course of the 2020-2021 academic year. To this end, we will monitor developments of the virus early in the New Year before deciding if we can hold a live face to face event perhaps around Easter, or alternatively we will film a virtual event as we did last year.

I recognise that this decision will be disappointing and upsetting to many people, but I hope you will understand that the health of our extended school community has to take priority.

Thank you very much for your understanding and ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Peter Roberts
Headteacher