



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PDR/JDN

June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Eid al-Adha 2024

We understand that this year's festival will be commemorated later this month, likely beginning at sunset on Sunday 16 or Monday 17 June 2024.

With this in mind, there are no longer any internal exams on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 June, as we understand that some students will be celebrating on those days. Information regarding this has already been communicated. These will now start on Monday 24th June and continue until Thursday 4th July.

In line with guidance to schools on attendance, students are permitted up to three days absence per academic year for religious observance. This means, if you have already taken two days for previous observations, only one day will be authorised on this occasion.

The school needs to fulfil its safeguarding duty and needs to know which students will be absent and for what reason. We hope parents will understand that the school must never make assumptions about the reason for an absence and will always require notification from parents. For this reason, we ask that parents complete the enclosed form to indicate if their child is to be absent from school for Eid.

<https://forms.office.com/e/8cDvLtDSV4>

On behalf of the school community, we would like to send our best wishes to those families who are celebrating.

Yours faithfully

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