

SLK/LMS

7 November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our continued commitment to supporting charitable causes, we are making a small change to how we collect donations for our non-school uniform days this year.

In previous years, students have been asked to contribute £1 on each non-school uniform day. However, we have noticed that the total raised is often less than expected, with around half the students contributing despite most taking part. We are incredibly proud of our school's long-standing fundraising tradition and want to ensure we continue to make a meaningful difference to the charities we support.

This year, therefore, we will be introducing a single contribution of £6 per student to cover all six non-school uniform days scheduled in the school calendar. Each £1 from this contribution will be donated to the specific charity linked to that event, which includes:

- Children in Need
- Christmas Jumper Day Save the Children
- Red Nose Day
- World Book Day
- Green Day (Eco Committee)
- Local Mental Health Charity

This approach ensures that every student taking part in our non-uniform days is contributing equally and that our chosen charities receive the full benefit of the school's generosity. We believe this method will make participation simpler for families while continuing to foster the strong spirit of community and giving that we value so highly at Heckmondwike Grammar School.

We warmly encourage our Sixth Form students to get involved as part of the community's generous spirit, as these events are a great opportunity to show support for good causes and to demonstrate the leadership and example that our older students bring to school life. If every student took part, we could raise an incredible £9,000 from non-school uniform days alone, making a real difference to the charities and initiatives we support.

We would like to emphasise that participation in non-school uniform days is entirely voluntary. Students who prefer not to take part are very welcome to attend school in full uniform on those days.

Your payment of £6 can be made via ParentPay.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make a positive impact through our collective fundraising efforts.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S. Keddy

Assistant Headteacher