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Governors Annual Report to Parents July 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers

We are fast approaching the end of another school year. Each year seems to go faster but the demands made on staff and pupils continue to grow. The expectation continues to be that much more can be included in the school curriculum. However as parents and carers I am sure that you will have noticed that your children are now ready for a break from the daily learning routines. That is not to say that the children will not learn over the summer holidays, but it will be in a much more relaxed environment. With Rother Valley on our doorstep, the Peak District on our West and the Dukeries (Clumber Park, Creswell Crags, Sherwood pines etc) on our East, the choice of activities is remarkable.

Also the 6 Book Summer Reading challenge will be in Killamarsh Library again.

As Governors we are also feeling the strain of having to continually decide what we would like to provide and recognise the gap for what we are able to afford. Despite that there have been some notable achievements this year.

Firstly -attendance. So much effort has been put into improving the children's attendance so it is pleasing that this year has seen another improvement. The rate for the school now is 94.6%. Thank you to all parents and carers for enabling us to achieve this.

Secondly, the playground. At last the playground was tarmacked in August 2024 and is now marked up. It looks amazing, and the children love it.

Thirdly, OFSTED. We had an ungraded inspection in March and the majority of parents who responded to them gave many positive comments. I have highlighted here a few of the many comments in the report:

- This is a welcoming school, where pupils feel happy and safe. Parents and carers appreciate the kindness that staff extend to their children.
- The school provides effective support for pupils' emotional well-being.



Derbyshire Healthy Schools
Community Award



KILLAMARSH INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

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- Pupils benefit from wider experiences, learning outside as well as indoors.
- The nurturing support for children begins in the Nursery provision, where children make a positive start to their education
- Teachers typically introduce new knowledge in appropriate steps that pupils can follow.
- Reading is prioritised.
- Pupils understand ways to stay safe online. They know about eating a healthy diet.

We have been left with some development areas but our next inspection will be under the new framework which has still to be published.

Can I remind you that school Governors attend the Parents' Evenings so please come and talk to us. We do visit regularly but there are also comment cards that are available in Reception if you want to write to us. Alternatively please email me directly if you wish. SFraser@Killamarsh-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk or via the school info@killamarsh-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for their support through the year, and the children for being a delight to have in school.

Thank you too to all of the schools governors who spend a great deal of their time supporting the school.

A last huge thank you goes to ALL of the staff at Killamarsh Infant and Nursery school without whom we would not be able to function and to the Head teacher Ms Dolman who once again has led the school brilliantly.

Yours sincerely,

S.M.Fraser

Sandra Fraser, Chair of Governors



The governing body has three core functions determined by the Department for Education:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction.
2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
3. Overseeing and ensuring effective financial performance.