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Governors Annual Report to Parents July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

For those of you who need a few helpful suggestions for holiday activities, please read on!

We are coming to the end of another very full school year and everyone, adults and children, in our school community have worked exceptionally hard throughout the school year. The weather of late has been a challenge to cope with, but can I thank all parents and carers who have ensured that children have been school ready with appropriate lighter clothing, sunscreen applied and sun hats each day. Our school building does not heat up as many others do but it has been quite warm inside nevertheless.

We have had some radical restructuring this year with the creation of the "Haven"- the area where we withdraw some children at various times during the day to enable a little more intensive help. This was already in its infancy before the Government White Paper for schools came out in March but fits in with their aims to enable those children who need extra help in some way to be withdrawn from mainstream classes but the children can then join their classmates again for play times, lunchtimes and some lessons. This has of course meant some staffing changes and budget input but the Governors are confident that this is the best use of our resources; scarce though they are.

Parents and Carers have been incredibly generous with support for the Christmas/summer fairs, the attendance at the Christmas plays, Sports Day and of course the drive to raise money for the new Library. That pot stands at £3525 at the minute.

Our school attendance has been very good this year overall but at around 94% we still have work to do to continue to improve next year. It has been lovely to note that many parents/carers attend the workshops that the staff design to enable you to know much more about the content taught to your children. I hope that even more of you will take part in continuing pupils' practice of reading, writing and phonics help when the new school year starts.

However, the holiday has to be "got through" first. I think we all acknowledge that whilst screen time is a convenient way of children occupying themselves, it needs to be limited to small amounts of time in the day. We are fortunate that children at KINS engage in a number of afterschool clubs that could be continued out of school (board games, cooking, sports, gardening etc) and our local area is great



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for walks/scavenger hunts/collecting items for imaginative pictures at home from Rother Valley Country park and Westthorpe Hills. A tram ride away, many Sheffield Museums have a range of activities on offer and most are free.

I am including some website links here that can give you many ideas of '**Alternatives to screens**' .

<https://family-action.org.uk/self-help/low-cost-screen-free-summer-activities-for-kids/>

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/blog/101-screen-free-activities/#38494_Toddlers+and+4-7+year+olds

<https://sheffield.mumbler.co.uk/free-summer-activities-and-events-in-sheffield/#more-27408>

<https://www.2weeks2learn.com/product-page/the-2w2l-i-m-bored-guided>

The second link particularly has some very low cost but interesting activities listed that can keep children well occupied. There is also the annual Reading Challenge from the Library (sited now inside Killamarsh Active). At this age the children need to constantly practice their reading.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Crookes this summer and we wish her well in her new school.

Can I thank the volunteers who help in school as well as all of the staff, both teaching and non-teaching. Many thanks to Mrs Dolman too for keeping us all on track.

In September the Governors will be recruiting again: if anyone would like to know more about the work of the Governing Board then please get in touch. (The main commitment is 6 full governor meetings per year and a range of other opportunities to get involved more with the school.)

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and active holiday and children come back to school in September as "school ready" as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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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.