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**Chair for the Education, Young People & Families
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another school year, I would like to take a moment on behalf of the Education, Children and Families Committee to thank all school staff across the city for their dedication and hard work in supporting Sheffield's children and young people. Your partnership as parents and carers has also been crucial in helping children to learn, grow and thrive this year.

As summer begins, I want to wish you and your families a safe and happy break. The holidays are a chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy time together. Whether you're planning a trip or staying local, I'd encourage families to make the most of the outdoors, we're lucky to have amazing green spaces right here in Sheffield. Please also take a moment to talk to your children about staying safe, both online and in the community. With more time on screens and social media during the holidays, it's important to have regular conversations about what they're accessing and to agree clear boundaries. As the weather warms up, we'd also encourage parents to remind children and young people about the dangers of swimming in open water, including rivers, reservoirs and quarries even when the weather is hot.

We understand that the summer holiday can feel like a big change, especially for families who rely on the structure and support school provides. If you find yourself needing advice or support, help is available:

- **Sheffield's Family Hubs** offer a range of support services, activities, and drop-ins. Find out more at [Family Hubs](#)
- You can also find guidance and signposting via the [Sheffield Directory](#)
- Our **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)** programme will once again be running throughout the summer, offering a fantastic range of free activities for eligible children and young people, along with healthy meals. From sports to creative arts, there's something for everyone – find out more at [Sheffield HAF](#)
- And as we (hopefully!) enjoy some summer sunshine, don't forget the sunscreen, hats and staying hydrated.

A quick reminder as the sun gets stronger: please help keep children safe outdoors by encouraging use of SPF 50 sun cream, hats, and access to shade during peak hours (11am–3pm). Children's skin is especially sensitive to the sun, and simple steps can make a big difference.

Thank you once again for everything you do to support your child's education. I hope the summer is a time of joy, fun and rest for you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Dawn Dale

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