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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Bears of Sheffield**



Bears of Sheffield was due to take place last July but due to obvious reasons was postponed – the fantastic news is that it is back and scheduled to take place this year. This time around we have 100 Little Bears sponsored and decorated by schools and 60 Big Bears sponsored by businesses and painted by professional artists. Both will be available to be seen on the trail this summer running from July to September across Sheffield.

Since I wrote to you last year introducing the scheme we did start fundraising and the last day before lockdown in March was non-uniform which raised £300. We now need to start adding to this and the most exciting news to report is that our bear has arrived in school.





The next stage of fundraising can now start, and we are also asking for students to put their names forward to be part of the decorating process. If your child(ren) want to be part of this please ask them to send their design ideas to Miss Miles at [kmiles@ecqbert.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:kmiles@ecqbert.sheffield.sch.uk) using the template attached by Friday 26 March .

The theme of our bear is wellbeing, mindfulness and kindness to everyone and will reflect the whole KES community and ethos, but we need to name our bear and this will be the next fundraising activity. During the dates 15-26 March pupils can pay £1 to enter their suggested name into a draw. A box will be on main reception and entries should be made in a sealed envelope with the money inside. Pupil name and form group needs to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. Pupils can enter as many names as they like – but it is £1 per suggested name.

All funds raised through the Bears of Sheffield will help to transform the Cancer and Leukaemia Ward at Sheffield Children's Hospital. The ward treats children from babies through to 19 year olds from South Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and as far south as Northampton. The transformed ward would create a new home from home for families with space, privacy and natural light to make hospital stays and isolation a place of sanctuary and calm.

Any other fundraising ideas that students have can be shared with Miss Miles – the more we can raise for this wonderful charity the better. We would love the whole school to be part of this great opportunity.

Thankyou for your continued support.

Mr P Haigh  
Headteacher



