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Dear Parents/ Carers and Children

Commonwealth games baton relay

On Tuesday 12th July, the commonwealth games baton will embark on the Sheffield leg of the relay, starting at the English Institute of Sport (EIS).

What are the Commonwealth games?

The Commonwealth Games is an international multi-sport event involving athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations. The event was first held in 1930 and has taken place every four years since then. This year, Birmingham will be hosting the games from the 28th July to the 8th August.

What is the baton relay?

The Queen's Baton Relay is a relay around the world held prior to the beginning of the Commonwealth Games. The Baton carries a message from the Head of the Commonwealth, currently Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen's Baton Relay involves the baton travelling around England for 29 days, before arriving at the opening ceremony in Birmingham on 28 July.

What is happening in Sheffield?

During its time in Sheffield, the Queen's Baton Relay will visit Sheffield Children's Hospital and Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park and will join local schools to experience a range of sporting activities during a sports festival at the English Institute of Sport Sheffield.

How can I support the event?

We would love for you and your child to share in this experience. The baton is due to reach the EIS at around 8:30am and will do a circuit of the Olympic Legacy Park. We will therefore have a delayed start to the school day and **school will start at the later time of 9:00am**. We would like to encourage you to take your child/children out to line the route of the course and cheer on the baton bearer. Although staff will also be out enjoying the event, they will not be able to be responsible for any children until they are back on the school site from 9am.

Nursery children should attend their morning session at the usual time.

More information about the event can be found at the following website:

<https://www.birmingham2022.com/queens-baton-relay/route/england>

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