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Dear Parent/Carer of **STUDENT FULLNAME**

Carnegie Shadowing Scheme.

Student Forename has expressed interest to take part in CILIP's Carnegie Shadowing Scheme. This is a reading group where we read, debate and discuss the brilliant books shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal.

Shadowing is a national activity with thousands of schools taking part by running reading groups where pupils shadow the role of our librarian judges, reading the shortlisted books and debating who should win the prize. Shadowing is one of the UK's largest reading for pleasure initiatives - engaging tens of thousands of children and young people in reading.

The books on the Carnegie Medal Longlist for Writing are selected for their literary excellence and powerful storytelling. While they are aimed at teenage readers, many explore mature themes such as identity, mental health, relationships, and social issues. These topics reflect the real challenges young people may encounter, offering valuable insight and fostering empathy. If you have any concerns about content suitability, please do contact me at hbarraclough@penistone-gs.uk. You find the full list of long-listed books here: [The Carnegies](#).

Shadowers have the opportunity to go online to write and post public reviews on the books, ask our authors and illustrators questions, take part in competitions and vote for their favourite books. Reviews are screened and monitored by the shadowing group leader (Mrs Barraclough) prior to publication on the CKG website.

For your child to participate in online activities as part of shadowing, could you please:

- Review the privacy notice at <https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/privacy-policy/>
- [Sign the online form here to give your permission for your child to participate](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at hbarraclough@penistone-gs.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Barraclough



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