

# King Edwin Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am contacting you as early as I possibly can regarding a slightly delayed start for your children. Today I have been informed that our new Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 building will not be ready for the children until Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The rest of the school will start as planned on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Understandably this will cause some frustration however, I must assure you that nobody is more frustrated than myself about the delay. Ultimately, I have to consider the safety of our children and I cannot possibly have the Foundation classes on site if there is the slightest doubt that their classrooms are not ready and safe.

Personally, I have worked most of the holiday to see that the building is completed on time and whilst some of the construction issues are seemingly a result of COVID 19, not all are. I have written to those responsible for the delay to express my dissatisfaction with the situation and to enlighten them regarding the knock on impact of such a delay. These discussions are ongoing and I will certainly represent the feelings of our parents.

My staff will be working around the clock and over the weekends to ensure that we open on the Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September but we will also ensure that Foundation children can meet their new teachers on the Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> September albeit in a different classroom. The Foundation teachers will communicate the finer details of this with parents next week.

We hope to be in a position where we can also invite children to come into to their new classroom to have a quick look around on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September (assuming all goes to plan). This would give them further reassurance and perhaps help them as they will see the 'Disney like' transformation of their new school.

As a parent of two children myself, I fully appreciate that this hiccup may cause a few issues for some of our parents and I am sorry that this is so. There is nothing at this point that I can do to change the fact that we cannot open the Foundation unit on time and I am sorry for the inconvenience caused.

Finally, the children are coming back or starting school at a very strange point in time and in a completely changed world. Whilst there is so much to think about and so many challenges that are ahead of us, I cannot help but think that our newly built Foundation unit, equipped with some simply wonderful resources, will go a long way to offsetting these challenges. We can't wait to see the children in situ and enjoying their learning.

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding this matter. Our Foundation teachers will be in touch regarding the detail of the 'meet and greet' and potential 'look around' classes.

Kind regards,  
Mr Callaghan-Wetton

