

King Edwin Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers and children,

I hope that you are all safe, well and have had a great summer break so far. We are working extremely hard in school to make it ready for the 7th September when Years 1 to 6 will return. Unfortunately a delay in building work has pushed back our Foundation children's start until the 9th September. Parents of Foundation children should receive a letter about this shortly if they haven't already done so.

Before the holiday I sent out a document that supported our return and much of this plan will remain when we start back in just over a weeks' time. There are some amendments to share but I will refrain from sending this information out for a short while as we are currently inundated on a daily basis with changes to the Government and DFE guidance. There seems to be little point in telling parents something now when there is a considerable chance that this may change before our children return. I will send parents the updated and refreshed information before the end of next week in good time for the return.

To offer a degree of support or reassurance to our parents, I feel that it may be helpful to tell you of some of our actions taken over the summer that will help with the 'new normal' that we now find ourselves in.

This summer we have:

- Completed a full and thorough deep clean of the whole building - beyond typical service
- Refurbished toilets in the whole of the building (including all urinals and sanitary wear)
- Fitted Bioclad door fittings and new biosafety handles on all doors to create a more hygienic setting
- Carried out a full chemical clean of all flooring within the school
- Fitted new ceiling tiles in all toilets
- Fully serviced all vents and water system
- Fitted new finger protection systems on all doors

All of this is on top of the complete change of our Foundation Unit including vast amounts of indoor and outdoor furniture and play equipment. Our staff have also worked over the holiday to make the classrooms as inviting as possible in the new Covid 19 ready configuration.

We have been off school for longer than we all would have liked but for a very good reason at that. We are now looking forward to getting every child back at KEPS and helping them to learn in a safe and secure environment.

Sure... there will be challenges this term but in June this year we had over 180 children on site and we managed this very well. As a community, I have great confidence that we will all be able to work together, follow guidance and ensure that this academic year will be both successful but more importantly, extremely enjoyable for our KEPS children.

Have a great weekend and I will be in touch next week with more important information about our return.

Kind regards,
Mr Callaghan-Wetton

