

# King Edwin Primary School

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## King Edwin Primary School - Foundation 1 Unit

Dear Parents and Carers of Foundation 1 children,

Today we have received a little more clarity regarding keeping open some early years settings. It is clear that **we are able** to keep our Foundation 1 setting open to both critical worker, vulnerable and all other children too however, I must state that the school **does not** feel that this blanket approach is the 'safest option' for Foundation 1 aged children and their families.

It is very important to note that I am personally suggesting that unless absolutely necessary, Foundation 1 children should not be attending school and should alternatively be accessing remote provision. **To allocate 52 children into the F1 unit at any one point would create a situation where I would be forced to withdraw the provision completely** based upon health and safety grounds. I have a duty of care to protect all families and that of my staff too.

Mrs Hart and her team will open the unit tomorrow for children whose parents chose to take up the provision however we would like all parents to complete the form attached in this link so that we can suitably staff the unit.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1LeB73X2IE08IYD9eQf-gp3sTAYn4aNOOnKuwc4bSf-ZURFZGUU1WN05CQjFPQ0xNOURaVKZFNzVVTc4u>

Parents must complete the form as soon as possible - preferably by 5pm today. **We anticipate that numbers will remain low** especially considering my clear advice regarding the increased risk of sending children into a school setting at this time.

**It is felt that more safe numbers can be achieved if only critical worker, vulnerable and very few other children attend the unit.** I sincerely hope we have the full backing of our parents on this matter.

Regarding funding, we are not able to reallocate any fees for parents to use in other settings elsewhere. We will be providing remote learning and as such our staffing will remain unchanged. Similarly we are not able to keep places open if a parent chooses to take a place in a different setting. We are a very popular school, our provision is highly thought of both locally and regionally. It is likely that places would be quickly snapped up if parents were to take up another placement say perhaps in the Summer term for any reason.

**Please understand that whilst I wholeheartedly want to educate children face to face in our wonderful school, we want to make sure that every family is kept safe. This is our highest priority.**

Thank you in advance for your continued support,

Kind regards,

Mr Callaghan-Wetton

