



# KING EDWIN NEWS

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Dear parents and friends of King Edwin Primary School,

As we travel towards the end of the Spring Term, we should really stop and pause to reflect upon the past year or so. I am so proud of the children. They have really thrown themselves back into school and hopefully we can move closer to some form of normality as we ease into the summer months.

Recently, you may have noticed several messages sent out across our various communication platforms asking for your continued support in adhering to national guidelines. These messages are aimed at asking families to stick to rules that protect everyone. The implications of bubble closures and COVID cases within the community can have a severe impact not only upon the health of individuals but also the education of children, financial income of families that do not get paid when they are not at work and obviously the mental health of everyone involved.

Our school will continue to work in year group bubbles in the summer term until further notice. We will continue with our intense cleaning regime and we will do all that we can to minimise any spread of any virus. Ultimately we want to keep our school open for everyone in all classes as much as we physically can.

After Easter we have many extended school clubs ready to go. We have swimming for Year 4 and our residential visits are hopefully going to get the full go ahead. There will be significant intervention offered across the school and many children will be given support to recover skills that may now be a little 'rusty' after so much time away from the classroom.

Our 'recovery' plans include maths and reading tuition, extended school sessions, additional adult support in all phases and a clear focus on the health and well-being of our KingEdwinners.

Don't forget that we still have our [helpandsupport@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk](mailto:helpandsupport@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk) email for concerns that are related in any way to the COVID pandemic. This could include family support, difficulties in routines, behaviour and of course any COVID case questions that people may have.

Mrs Hillier, our Family Support Worker is also at hand if required. She has planned a range of support offerings such as sleep routine courses and she has developed a clear network of external support agencies that we can signpost families to if they just need that little extra support. Whatever the need, we can point you in the right direction.

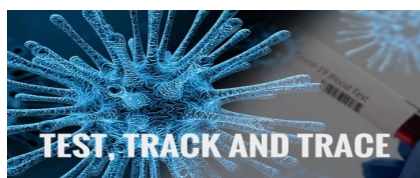
Hopefully, soon, I will be able to write newsletters that barely cover any COVID related news; our school community can return to some degree of normality and our children can just enjoy all the benefits of being children once again.

Thanks again for your ongoing support, it is very much appreciated.  
Andy Callaghan-Wetton

## School contact tracing over the Easter Holiday

If a child or staff member tests positive for coronavirus, we carefully review who the person has been in close contact with whilst at school and ask those people to self-isolate and/or close Bubbles. This helps to protect the school community.

The DFE has said that schools must continue to support contact tracing during the Easter Holiday so that we can identify any close contacts of positive cases who were in school while infectious. Your reporting of positive test results remains vital to our contact-tracing efforts. Please make sure you email [helpandsupport@Kingedwin.notts.sch.uk](mailto:helpandsupport@Kingedwin.notts.sch.uk) to report any positive tests FOR ANYPERSON IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD.



We will notify parents of any positive cases in school, so please regularly check your emails. Please continue to report any COVID symptoms / tests both negative and positive and any other relevant information over the Easter period AND DO NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL after the Easter break if anyone in your household has symptoms or is isolating.

## TEAMS Communication

Now that school has reopened after the recent national 'lockdown', I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that TEAMS is our platform for home learning, it is not our daily parent communication tool ...especially now that we are out of 'lockdown'. It served us really well but now we can only respond to questions or comments about home learning tasks on TEAMS.

Our teaching team don't have the capacity to respond to any other kind of questions or comments on TEAMS. If you have a question or comment to make regarding elements that aren't about your child's home learning tasks, we have a range of ways of getting in touch with school:

- Call the school office on 01623 822111
- Email our school office email on [office@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk)
- Email through the gateway
- Contact our helpandsupport@[kingedwin.notts.sch.uk](mailto:helpandsupport@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk)
- Email the teachers directly (please be aware that you should allow 24-48 hours for them to respond)

If we have to go into another whole-school lockdown in the future, we will be able to use TEAMS as a direct communication tool again.



## Drop off and collection

A polite reminder that parents/carers are asked not to have conversations with class teaching teams at the doors before and after school please. For obvious reasons, we ask that people simply carry out the 'drop and go' process. If you wish to have a conversation with the class teaching team, please contact us via email and the teaching team will ring you back when they can. If you just want to pass on a quick message, again call or email the school office please and the office team can pass it on for you. Thank you.

## Late Arrivals

In order to reduce the risk of transmission and encourage a positive school routine, I would like to remind families that it is not acceptable to arrive late on a regular basis. Of course, occasionally, life happens and we are late for things. We are very understanding and flexible in these circumstances and we do our best to support families that are experiencing difficulties. Persistent late arrivals creates a significantly increased risk of transmission and also results in the whole class having their learning compromised. Thanks in advance for your continued understanding regarding attendance and punctuality.

## Holidays

I am sure that we are all looking forward to going on holiday at some point in the future. Hopefully all KingEdwinners can enjoy their holidays this year and in 2022. I must take this opportunity to remind all parents that no term time holidays will be authorised and that we will be following LA and National guidance when referring to attendance issues related to holidays taken during term time.

There are 13 weeks per year allocated to school holidays and I must urge every family to keep to the dates given. Children have clearly had a disrupted education in the past 12 months and we need to do all that we can to help them recover a little lost ground and obviously maintain that level of education that we offer.

Holiday dates in Nottinghamshire schools can be found at:  
[School holiday and term dates | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)



## RED NOSE DAY

Thank you for all of your donations for Red Nose Day. We've had lots of belly laughs and raised over £220. The children looked great in their Superhero outfits and we are really pleased that everyone has managed to get involved. Well done KingEdwinners!



## TTRS DAY

On Friday 26th March we will be having a 'Times Table Rock stars afternoon' where children and staff will be jamming away at their keyboards and iPads while practising timestables. The children in KS1 and KS2 are invited to come to school with a 'Rock star hairstyle' on this day.

KS1 will be using Doodle Tables and KS2 will be using Times Tables Rock stars to battle against each other. So please encourage your child to practise their times tables in the run up to this event. During our achievement assembly, all teachers will be choosing their star of the week based on who has shown determination to learn their times tables.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Miss Hawkins  
Maths coordinator



## Parking

We have been approached by several members of our school community with regards to parking near school. I have little to no control over this but must urge people to park safely and drive sensibly near school. The safety of children is my main concern. If it is at all possible to walk to school, please do. If you must drive to school, please do so safely, carefully and within the speed limit.