

King Edwin Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

In the next couple of weeks we have several residential visits planned across the school. We know that many children are really looking forward to these experiences and it is great that the teachers have been able to push ahead with the plans despite the restrictions still in place.

All of our visits require careful planning and risk assessment. This preparation is also scrutinised by the local authority and as you can imagine, this year, the scrutiny is even more necessary so that we can keep to govt. guidance and keep our KingEdwinners safe.

I would like to ask all parents to take some time to talk through the residential experiences with your children. We always do this at school but I really would like the children to be fully aware of the expectations and ensure that there are no grey areas at all regarding what is expected of them.

Our children are typically very well behaved and make good choices inside and out of school. I do not anticipate any issues at all but in the unlikely event that this is not the case, I must remind families of how the school needs to respond in this eventuality.

School staff will always try their best to support any child in the event of unacceptable and perhaps dangerous behaviours on a residential visit. **If it is deemed that the behaviours are perhaps dangerous and puts the safety of others at an unacceptable level of risk, we will be required to act. In this instance, school would contact a parent and request that the child be collected from the residential.** Clearly this is not the action that any member of staff would be comfortable with but it is simply a case of making sure that our primary duty of care to all children is carried out in full.

Please talk to your children about our **school values and the absolute necessity to make the good choices that they usually make in school.** The added pressure of Covid measures are something that the children are aware of now so I am sure that they will understand the importance of following all school expectations and those of the destinations that we are visiting.

I would like to end by thanking parents for enabling children to attend the visits. We know that there are perhaps personal or maybe even financial challenges at play this year but we do appreciate your support in giving the children such amazing opportunities. Of course it goes without saying that I am particularly grateful to our KEPS staff for agreeing to take the children. They go above and beyond every day and I am sure that the residential visits will create some great memories once again for our fantastic KingEdwinners.

Kind regards,
Mr Callaghan-Wetton



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