



KING EDWIN NEWS

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Dear parents and friends of King Edwin Primary School,

What a great start we have had to the new school year! I would like to thank all of our KingEdwinner families for being so positive at the start of this term and helping to create such a positive attitude across the school .

The children have been 'awesome' and after walking along the corridor and talking with so many children, it is clear to see how settled everyone is. I could not have asked for a better start after such strange and challenging 18 months or so.

Clearly there will always be a few children that need a little extra support from time to time and there was definitely a few tired eyes this morning when I met people on the school gates (and that's just the parents!) but this is to be expected as we all gradually get back to some degree of normality after a summer break.

Covid has not disappeared and we are very much aware that it exists in our school community. Please be mindful of this and whilst we accept the changes to national guidance, we still want to remain cautious in our daily school routines.

I would like to welcome all of our new KingEdwinners in our Little Cubs, Badgers & Foxes classes. We are so pleased that you have joined Team KEPS! We also have a few other additional children that have transferred to our fantastic school. We are sure that everyone will make you feel welcome and that you will enhance our school and help us to be even better than we already are...this includes all of our new parents too! On that note, please keep an eye out for news from our FOKE (Friends Of King Edwin) team who are always looking out for new friends/members to support them.

Routines across school will take a little longer to get used to as we have so many new 'things' that have been introduced this year. Please just pop us an email if you have any concerns and we will endeavour to answer any questions that come our way. On the whole though, apart from a few teething issues with perhaps chrome books or school lunch routines... most communication so far this term has been overwhelmingly positive. This is very encouraging.

You will always hear me banging the same drum in terms of how proud I am of our school team, community and most importantly - KingEdwinner Children. I never get tired of this and it is the best part of being a headteacher. This year, we have started as we mean to go and I very much hope that the positivity continues across KEPS.

Thanks again for your ongoing support, it is very much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend everyone.
Andy Callaghan-Wetton - Headteacher

LET'S GIVE A BIG ROUND



National Guidance - Global COVID pandemic

Separate communication will be sent out shortly with more details regarding the current national guidance. Everything has changed so much and whilst our routines are almost back to normal in school, we have enhanced cleaning in place and where possible, we are not mixing for prolonged periods of time inside. We have greater ventilation in school and generally the school is much more aware of hygiene expectations required to keep the virus at bay.

Please make sure you email helpandsupport@Kingedwin.notts.sch.uk to report any positive tests FOR ANY PERSON IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD. We are still sending children home if they are symptomatic and I urge all families in our community to remain vigilant. Now is not the time to take the foot off the pedal and as long as we all communicate the way we have done so far, I believe our school will continue to be able to function as it currently does...with a strong educational provision this academic year.

COVID-19 ALERT SYMPTOMS AND GUIDANCE

THE MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS ARE :



TEAMS Communication

Now that school has reopened fully, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that TEAMS is our platform for home/blended learning. In the event of any further isolation or lockdown we will fully utilise the functions of TEAMS to educate our Kingedwinners.

TEAMS is not our daily parent communication tool. It served us really well but now we can only respond to questions or comments about home learning tasks on TEAMS. Parents should try to stick with more formal methods during the 'new normal' that we currently find ourselves in.

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
 - Email through the gateway
 - Contact our helpandsupport@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk
 - Email the teachers directly (please be aware that you should allow 24-48 hours for them to respond)
- Thanks for your understanding and cooperation with this. We really appreciate your support.



Drop off and collection



THANK YOU! Whilst we have removed staggered starts it is clear that the good old British queuing system has remained an unexpected feature in our playground. I really appreciate the fact that our parents have managed the starts and collection times in such a common sense way.

Late Arrivals & Collection

Persistent late arrivals often results in the whole class having their learning compromised. Late collection is also unsettling for a child. Thanks in advance for your continued understanding regarding attendance and punctuality.

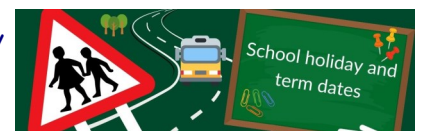
Sweets/Birthdays/Allergies etc.

We must politely ask families not to send in 'sweet treats' or treats for birthdays any more. We are now in a position where the percentage of children with specific allergies and medical needs has risen to unmanageable levels with regards to allowing birthday treats etc. I am sorry that this is the case but obviously the health and well being of all of our children is of utmost importance. I appreciate that this decision may not be popular but I simply cannot take the risks associated with perhaps a small error that occurs at the end of the school day whilst giving such treats out. I would like parents to trust me on this 'call' and understand that this decision has not been made lightly. Thanks again for being so understanding.

Holidays

Hopefully people managed to get a break and maybe have some time away this summer. Many of the children have been sharing stories of their camping or beach experiences. It has been great to hear. 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](#)



Football on the playground before school

On a couple of occasions I have had to talk to a few children that are playing football before school. It is lovely to see but we have asked the children not to do this.

I counted 20 pushchairs in the playground and one had a 3 day old baby in on Wednesday. I would not forgive myself if the children accidentally kicked the ball at one of the push chairs and a child was hurt. The children understood the reasons behind this decision and were absolutely fine about the rationale.

Nut Free School

We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. We are therefore a nut free school. Could parents please avoid packing food that may contain nuts in packed lunches. Thanks.



Parking

We often receive complaints about the parking outside school. Please could we ask that you are parking safely at pick up and drop off times and respecting the yellow lines, as appropriate.

This is especially important as we move towards darker nights in the near future. Lets keep our little KingEdwinner children safe please :-)

Dates and Diaries

Our 'School Planners' eventually arrived after Covid related delays. Hopefully you will find them useful for organising the school day, reading records and general supportive notes as the term progresses.

We are finalising a few more dates for our diary and Mrs Musgrove will be sending a list of dates for your reference next week.

We will remain reasonably quiet in terms of inviting large groups into school at the moment but hope this is more possible at some point soon. We really do want to try to hold events such as festive nativities and carol concerts where parents attend. The term ahead is very busy - please keep an eye on our website and social media platforms for up to date information/activities at KEPS.