

# King Edwin Primary School



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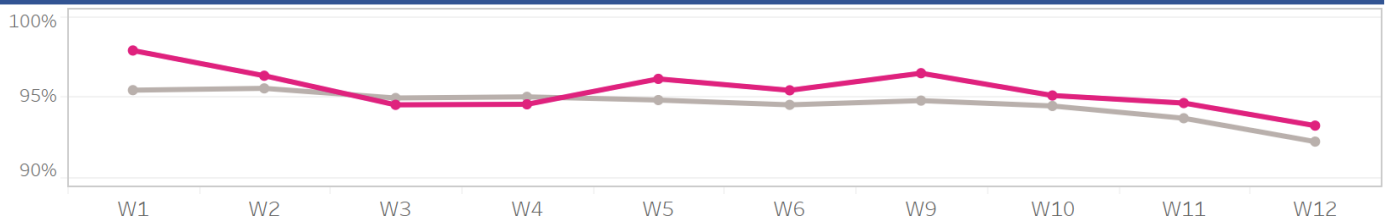
## KEPS Attendance - 😊 Thanks for your support 😊

Attendance Headlines YEAR TO DATE 05/09/2022 - 25/11/2022

All Pupils

95.4% ●

Weekly Attendance School FFT National



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank our KingEdwinner families for their support regarding school attendance this term.

As a school, we choose not to reward children extrinsically for attendance. This strategy is based upon the fact that we believe coming to KEPS is just reward in itself. It is enjoyable attending King Edwin Primary School, spending time with peers and learning in such a fantastic environment.

In our opinion, class competitions or attendance rewards can sometimes cause confusion because in many cases, poor attendance has so many factors that cannot be influenced by the children themselves. Missing out on a class attendance award, when the only children that are absent from class have the Flu just simply doesn't make sense.

This year, I asked families to consider the following:

- Is your child well enough to attend school? If so, they should be at school.
- Celebrating a birthday is not a reason to stay off school.
- Illness of a sibling should not determine the attendance of the other sibling.
- Term time holidays can have a negative impact on the children's learning, please avoid such holidays and understand that they will not be authorised.
- Persistent absenteeism and very poor unauthorised attendance may result in fines being issued.
- The more the children are in school...the more they will learn. Statistics show clearly that academic and non-academic success correlates directly with school attendance.

Can we do better? Perhaps we can but right now, it is very pleasing to see that for three months, **KEPS attendance data has been above that of both regional and national data for 9 out of the 12 weeks recorded.** In the past 6 weeks we have been above the national trend and on many occasions, we are at least 1% above the national picture. It has only recently dipped due to seasonal viruses spreading around and even so...we are still seeing a higher than national overall result.



All this being said, I must continue to ask parents and KingEdwinner families to continue to support us with our culture of strong school attendance. It is pleasing to see families mention that they have not booked term time holidays this year. It is also great to hear that families are really thinking about the medical appointments and how they can be arranged at the best time to suit the child. I am very pleased to see and hear our KingEdwinner families really prioritising the children's education.

It is important that you all know how appreciative I am of your support. We love having the children in school and we want them to have not only the best education...but the best time at our fantastic school. Thank you for listening and supporting us with this initiative so far.

Moving forwards, I would like to see if we can get closer to the 97% attendance mark across our whole school. Obviously, we don't want children coming to school ill, there are so many bugs around at the moment, hopefully we avoid some of them. Nevertheless, I feel that we can achieve this milestone and as a result, see more of our KingEdwinner children achieving very strong levels of attendance over the course of the year.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Callaghan-Wetton

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