

King Edwin Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Not long before the half term break, we carried out one of our regular emergency drills at school. A simulated fire alarm sounded and our children were required to evacuate the building. As you would expect, they did so in an impeccable manner and within just over 1 minute we were able to account for all children and adults in school.

We always try to alter fire drill scenarios by blocking entrances or sounding the alarm at unusual times such as perhaps a transition period of the day. Our children have become very familiar with these sorts of drills.

Yesterday, our children needed to carry out a real emergency evacuation at lunch time due to a piece of burnt toast in a toaster. This real scenario was not expected by any member of staff nor the children, however I couldn't be more proud of the way everyone responded.

The evacuation took less than a minute even though some groups of children were out of their usual classroom environment. They moved sensibly and swiftly into the evacuation zones and every class teacher commented on how reassuring it was to see the children respond so well to the alarm.

As you can imagine, with the responsibility of your children in my hands, I was a little shaken after the event. Whilst it may only have been a burnt piece of toast that caused today's alarm to sound, it was a little frightening for some of the children.

I have spoken to all of the children to ask that they stay aware and always remember how to conduct themselves during such situations. They were brilliant yesterday however, maybe this weekend it would be beneficial for all KingEdwinner families to discuss what they may do in the event of such an emergency in your own home.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mr Callaghan-Wetton, Headteacher

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