

# King Edwin Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst walking around school this morning and having my regular chat with all of our KingEdwinners, it was lovely to see so many smiles and happy faces. It has been an excellent first day back at KEPS and I am so proud of all of the children!

There was a buzz of excitement as the children settled into their learning today. The children were ready to learn and it was fantastic to hear their stories about what they have been up to over the summer break.

We have many new KingEdwinners this year including children starting school for the first time in Foxes, Badgers or Cubs. There are also many new children that have joined in other year groups. To all of our new KingEdwinner families - welcome! We are really happy to have you with us in our KEPS community and we look forward to spending more time with you over the course of the year.

## Thanks to TEAM KEPS!

I must say a massive thank you to our cleaning team and the staff that have worked so hard to get the school looking so wonderful and ready for the children to enjoy. The team have been a little stretched for various reasons, but they have done an awesome job!

Throughout the week we will be sending parents further information regarding all of the activities planned for the rest of the year including after school activities, Early Bird Reading and much more. To begin with, we simply want the children to get settled and gently feel their way forwards into the new academic year at KEPS.

## Safety of school - (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC))

I would like to reassure KEPS families that our school is safe and that the Nottinghamshire Local Authority has confirmed that no RAAC concrete is present on our site. Nationally this is a concern however, our school community is not impacted by the issue at all.

## Upgrades and changes at KEPS over the summer and in coming weeks

Due to various complications, a number of planned works hasn't been complete over the summer period but this will be complete in the next couple of weeks. Here is a list of just some of the changes we are implementing:

- Our raised bed/planters will all be tackled and tidied soon and the bulk bags of bark will also be removed
- The huts have a new shingle roof and are now safe for all families to use
- Our play trail will be fixed on the 14<sup>th</sup> September
- The school toilets are having new air fresh systems and biozone systems added shortly



- The school windows will be having low level signage added this term with some internal signage and display boards added around the school
- We are upgrading some windows to improve energy efficiency
- All blinds have been checked for compliance over the summer
- We are really looking forward to having a newly painted 'cloud themed' ceiling mural in our nurture rooms
- Our Chromebook lease scheme will continue this year with children having the option to take a school Chromebook home if a family wishes to engage in the offering
- Additional play equipment is being unpacked and play boxes will be topped up this week
- Standing Tables have been added in some classrooms

### New ideas

We are always trying to improve our school and give our KingEdwinners the very best opportunities. I am very happy to hear from KEPS parents regarding any great ideas that could potentially be actioned. Many of our new ideas come from the children themselves...and this is something we are really proud of.

### Tour of Britain

You will all be aware that the Tour of Britain starts from Sherwood Forest tomorrow. We are taking a small contingent of children to the event to represent the school. We will not be taking all of the children to the start of the Tour of Britain this year.

The reason for this is quite simply 'safety'. The start of the race is up at the forest and I cannot see how we can take over 450 or even half of our children up to the area whilst there is seemingly no designated space for schools and therefore no safe or secure area for the children to be.

Unlike in previous years where the children were able to wait and watch riders go by, the group of riders will all be starting at the visitor centre and this area is going to be extremely busy tomorrow. There will be riders, cars, media, members of the public, technical support teams and much more. In my opinion, this is too much and far too unpredictable for me to manage safely.

I am sorry if families are disappointed in this decision but ultimately, I have to make the call on what is right for the safety of our children. We will be able to watch the race on the TV from 11am onwards inside our classrooms.

I will reiterate again, it has been a lovely day at KEPS and the children have been awesome. I look forward to catching up with many of you on the playground over the coming weeks. The partnership that we have with our parents is very important to us. By working together, we are able to deliver a great education for the children. I very much appreciate the support that we receive from the school community. Thanks in advance for your continued support over the course of the year.

Kind regards,

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