

King Edwin Primary School



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ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS... EVERY DAY MATTERS...

‘One of the best gifts any parent can give their child is to ensure they attend school every day.’

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last year attendance at KEPS was above the national figure consistently throughout the academic calendar with the only exception being in the last half of the summer term. Unauthorised term time holidays were the only reason for this slight blip.

Some families suggested that term time holidays were taken due to cancellations following the pandemic. This is clearly no longer the case and I fully anticipate that term time unauthorised holidays are not requested this year.

School attendance is vital for your child to:

- **DEVELOP INDEPENDENCE AND RESILIENCE**
- **MAKE AND MAINTAIN FRIENDSHIPS**
- **EXPERIENCE A FULL SYSTEMATIC CURRICULUM**
- **LEARN MORE AND REMEMBER MORE**
- **ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL**
- **PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**
- **BE READY FOR THE NEXT STAGE IN THEIR EDUCATION**

It is a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at a school where the child is a registered pupil and they are of compulsory school age; It is a parent's duty to inform school on the first day of absence of the reason for the absence *Schools are responsible for recording attendance & following up absence. (Department for Education)

Autumn Term 2023 Term Attendance to date

At King Edwin Primary School we monitor attendance daily; we do all we can to encourage parents to ensure that their children achieve **maximum possible** attendance and any problems that prevent full attendance are identified and acted on promptly.

Following on from positive data last year where we achieved National Attendance Certificates, it is clear that attendance across our school remains at a high level.

It is worth pointing out that for 2 out of 6 weeks this term, our school attendance has been lower than national figures, significantly impacted by unauthorised absences not simply illnesses picked up at this time of year. I fully expect that we are consistently hitting levels that are above 95% in the coming months.

 FFT NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AWARDS (SPRING 2023)
Your school has received an award for good attendance [Collect your certificate >](#)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

To be consistently above the national attendance figure last year is fantastic for our children.

The latest week shows attendance as **95 % at KEPS and this is good...** but we would like it to be better.

Our Twitter feed and daily learning walks show that so many children are enjoying their time at KEPS and this is a real pleasure to observe. I really want to thank all parents for supporting the school to raise attendance and ensure our children receive the very best possible learning opportunities that we can offer. This positive parent/school partnership is very much appreciated.

Hopefully with your support, we can reach target figures of around 97% for the school and ensure all children really do get the best opportunity to learn at KEPS.

Leave during term time

School term dates are published a year in advance; **holidays during term time are NOT PERMITTED**

If leave of absence in term time is required for **exceptional circumstances**, a **request for leave of absence form must be completed**.

Forms can be obtained from the school office. The Head Teacher will consider each request and decide whether or not to authorise the absences by reference to criteria provided by the local authority attendance policy.

Fines for unauthorised absence may be issued in accordance with the Nottinghamshire Local Authority Schools Attendance Policy.

Medical appointments

Wherever possible we request that parents try to arrange **doctor/dentist appointments outside of school hours**; if this is not possible, parents should inform the office so that it can be recorded in the register.

Useful link: [School attendance, absence and truancy | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Moving Forwards

I have no doubt that our King Edwin Primary School families will be fully supportive of the messages within this communication. It is clear that our KEPS parents value the education of their children. I am sure we can all continue to work together to establish very strong levels of attendance and punctuality moving forwards.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Andy Callaghan-Wetton – Headteacher



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

365 Days in a Year
190 School Days
175 Non School Days

Over half a term missed!

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

0 Days Absence
190 Days in School
Perfect!

10 Days Absence
180 Days in School

19 Days Absence
171 Days in School
4 weeks missed!

29 Days Absence
161 Days in School

38 Days Absence
152 Days in School

47 Days Absence
143 Days in School

100% Attendance

95% Attendance

90% Attendance

85% Attendance

80% Attendance

75% Attendance

Best chance of success

Less chance of success

Serious impact on education and reduced life chances

