



KING EDWIN NEWS

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Dear parents and friends of King Edwin Primary School,

Our KingEdwinners have begun to settle into the Spring Term and started exploring their new units of learning. KEPS is a hive of activity as our children are throwing themselves into so many different learning opportunities.

You can find out more about what your children are up to by visiting their year group pages on our school website and viewing each year group newsletter sent out separately to parents. (Link) [-Year Two - King Edwin Primary and Nursery School](#)



2023 was a great year for King Edwin Primary School and there is so much that we can look back on with pride...but it's time to move on and with Spring not far away now, we are all looking forward to what our children can achieve next during the rest of this academic year and beyond.

We have a few polite reminders that I would like our KingEdwinner parents to help us with:

Water bottles are used in school and our water fountains are very popular with the children. We have installed new fountains, ready for the summer ahead. I must ask that the children refrain from bringing used bottles of PRIME into school or any other single use bottle.

Attendance and punctuality We know that our KingEdwinners love coming to school. Attendance and good punctuality is a standard expectation. This being said, we always need your full support and cooperation to ensure that all children arrive at school on time every day and attend as often as they are fit to do so. Good attendance has a significantly positive impact on children and their future success.

School uniform Almost every child at KEPS is wearing their uniform and the appropriate PE kit at school. Please remember that school shoes must be worn in school and PE Kit should be plain (no football/rugby kits etc.) Any parent struggling with uniform or PE kit can get in touch and we will try to help if possible. Please make sure all clothing is labelled as it is so much easier when trying to find the owner of clothes.

A reminder of all uniform and basic expectations is in the children's diary on [page 3](#).

Homework Our children are asked to read throughout the week and we also encourage them to engage with Doodle Maths/Spell and English. Some year groups also have TTRS and we also have a very popular homework Bingo initiative too. We understand that children are very busy and we don't place too much pressure on families to complete every piece of homework but... it is important that children engage in the extra activities especially reading. It is extremely beneficial for the children as they consolidate learning and hopefully enjoy reading for pleasure at home as well as in school.

Nut allergy Remember we are a NO NUT SCHOOL - Please do not send foods into school that contain nuts (chocolate spread etc.)

Remember to keep an eye on our emails, website, TEAMS and social media pages for up to date news about everything happening across KEPS. There is something different to share everyday!

Last term we proudly welcomed several KingEdwinner parents and grandparents into our school to support with various learning activities. It was lovely to see the children benefitting from the skills and expertise in our community. If you would like... and have skills or knowledge that may be helpful to our staff when they are delivering units of learning to the children, please get in touch. We don't simply want people to volunteer for reading or swimming etc. (although this is very much appreciated), we believe that our families have a huge part to play in the education of our KingEdwinners. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you can offer any of your time.

Kind regards,
Andy Callaghan-Wetton - Headteacher



WORSHIP for EVERYONE

I am
Sunday 21st January
St Mary's Church, Edwinstowe

A service for people of all ages

Refreshments will
be served after
the service

Theme: 'The GREATEST
INVITATION'



Community Groups in Edwinstowe Networking Meeting

Do you organise a community group,
club or session in
Edwinstowe?

An informal opportunity to:

- Share information about what you do
- Work together better where we can
 - Attract new members
- Find out about funding opportunities, etc



Edwinstowe Village Hall
Tuesday 23 January at 6:30pm

We'd love to see you there !

Turn up on the night or for more information call Carol 07494 262153

Parking

It is still quite dark every evening and it remains important that I ask parents to be extra careful when driving and parking near school. My message is simple - 'Lets keep our KingEdwinner children safe ...please' I don't feel that I need to say much more than this. We all know how we can keep them safe and as adults I feel we need to show the children good examples. Thanks in advance for your



Makaton Taster Session

Nottinghamshire Parent Carer Forum is
hosting a FREE Makaton taster session

The Taster session is a ideal introduction to
the Makaton Language Programme, covering
around 40 signs and symbols.
The session will be delivered by experienced
Makaton Ambassador and Tutor Richard Fish

Date:

Thurs 26th Jan : 10:30am - 12:30pm

Book a place by emailing
enquiries@nottspcf.org

Session intended for
Parent/Carers only



Thoresby meeting room, Oasis Cafe
Sherwood Drive, Ollerton
NG22 9PP

Sensory Sessions

Nottinghamshire Parents Carer Forum is
hosting FREE sensory sessions

Sensory Room - padded floor and walls,
different lighting e.g bubble tube, LED
mat lights and fibre-optics.

Initial Dates:

- Sat 20th Jan: 10:30 - 11:30 am
- Fri 26th Jan: 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- Mon 5th Feb: 11:00 - 12:00 pm

Book a place by emailing
enquiries@nottspcf.org

Only limited places available so book early
Each child must be accompanied by 1 adult
There will be a waiting list if all spaces are filled



Unfortunately the sensory room
is only accessible by stairs
My Little World Roleplay
43b High Street
Hucknall
Nottingham
NG15 7AW

Homework

Homework is often a contentious issue with parents as families lead such busy lives. Our view as a school is that homework can be very helpful and supportive for our KingEdwinners. Learning can be consolidated and positive learning routines are often very beneficial for children.

We have a range of Doodle platforms opportunities (English/Maths/Spelling) that teachers set for children to work through for homework and we also use other Apps such as Times Table Rock Stars. 'Bingo Homework' is also set across the school and many families enjoy engaging with this.

Reading daily is a key recommendation that we hope all families engage with. Not only is this a positive parent/child interaction but it's often enjoyable for children as they become engrossed in a good book.

In addition to the activities mentioned above, we know that many families have their own activities that are both educational and enjoyable. We love hearing about all of these activities and as a parent myself, I am often inspired by the children sharing their recounts of what they get up to outside of school.

We are very aware of how busy families are and fully understand that children are not always able to engage in every aspect of the schools homework routine.



SEN PARENT CARER DROP INS

Do you have any questions about your child's emotional well-being or possible additional needs? Book an informal chat about any new or previously unexplored worries, concerns or questions regarding Special Educational Needs.

WHEN IS THE DROP IN?

28th February 2024
9am - 3pm



HOW TO BOOK A DROP IN

You can book a 20 minute drop in by: Visiting our **School Cloud Parents Evening System**



GET IN TOUCH

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Parent and Carers Involvement Group

Do you want to make a difference to Children and Young People's health services?

Why not join our Parent or Carer Involvement Group?



Our first online meeting will be via MS Teams on:

Tuesday
6th February 2024
10.30 - 11.30am

Help shape Children and Young People's Health Services

Share your feedback and real-life experience of services



For more information and to register, please scan the QR code or use the link below:

<https://involve.nottshc.nhs.uk/involve-opportunities>

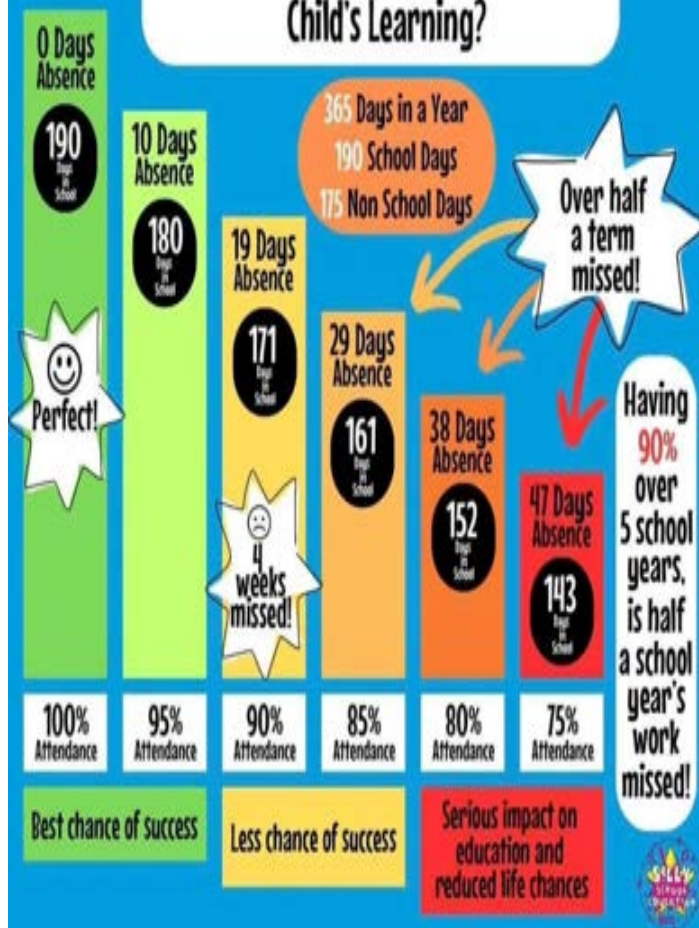


EARLY BIRD READING (EBR)

Early Bird Reading happens every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, ten minutes before the children start their school day. We see this as a great opportunity to encourage that love of reading. Please support our initiative by popping in as often as you can to engage with the EBR process. We love having parents in whenever they can and seeing the children reading with their adult. We must ask that parents don't simply drop off their child early. Our KEPS staff are volunteering their additional time to support the initiative and it is not simply an opportunity to start the day 10 minutes earlier.



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



STUDY FOR FREE*

VISION
West Nottinghamshire College
Adult Learning and Skills

WHAT'S ON? JANUARY 2024

Looking to **retrain**, **upskill** or simply **find a new hobby**? We have a wide range of courses that suit both your needs and your lifestyle. What's more, depending on your circumstances, many of these courses are **low cost** or **FREE**!

HOBBIES, INTERESTS AND EMPLOYABILITY

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Acrylic Painting
- Card Making
- Exploring Different Crafts
- Model Making Crafts
- Multi-Media Life-Painting
- Pottery
- Screenmaking
- Stencilling and Marbling
- Stitching and Sewing
- Water Colour Painting

DIGITAL SKILLS

- Developing Digital Skills for the Workplace
- Improving your Digital Skills
- IT Skills for Business

FIRST AID

- Manual Health & Safety
- Emergency First Aid at Work

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- First Steps to Overcoming Anxiety

LANGUAGES

- ESOL - New Starts
- ESOL - Speaking and Listening
- ESOL - Reading
- ESOL - Grammar
- Improving your Spanish Skills
- Pathway to ESOL
- Sign Language for Beginners

SHORT-TERM AND EVENING COURSES

CHILDREN AND EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

- Experience for the Early Years Workforce
- Early Years Educator - Level 2
- Teaching Assistant in Schools and Colleges - Level 2

CONSTRUCTION

- Introduction to Bricklaying - Entry Level
- Introduction to Carpentry and Joinery - Entry Level
- Introduction to Painting & Decorating - Entry Level
- Introduction to Plumbing - Entry Level
- Introduction to Tiling - Entry Level
- Introduction to Bricklaying - Entry Level

TECHNICAL COURSES

BOOKING

- Bookings on a regular basis

CERTIFICATES

- Certificate in Understanding Standard Behaviour in Children

EMPLOYABILITY

- We now offer a range of online courses which are aimed at those in our family looking for entry level employment within the industry's talent pipeline
- Adult Social Care
- Business
- Child Protection and Safeguarding
- Education
- Health and Safety
- Marketing and Advertising
- Learning Support
- Recruitment

CONTACT OUR FRIENDLY TEAM TO FIND OUT MORE AND BOOK

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KEPS Online Safety

As part of this annual celebration, we are encouraging everyone - including children and young people, parents and caregivers, teachers and educators, to join "Together for a better internet". Save the date for Safer Internet Day 2024 which will take place on **Tuesday, 6 February 2024.**

New device for Christmas?

If your child has a new device, have you set up parental controls? All consoles offer parental controls such as limiting the time spent on the device or restricting who your child can communicate with.

Find out the specific settings below:

- ⇒ PlayStation - [Safety for parents \(UK\) \(playstation.com\)](https://www.playstation.com/safety-for-parents/)
- ⇒ Xbox - [Xbox family settings: peace of mind for parents | Xbox](https://www.xbox.com/uk/en-gb/xbox-family-settings/peace-of-mind-for-parents)
- ⇒ Nintendo Switch - [Nintendo Switch Parental Controls | Hardware | Nintendo](https://www.nintendo.com/switch/parental-controls/)

Mobiles/Tablets

You can set up parental controls and restrictions on most mobile devices, which can limit what your child can access. Additionally, make sure appropriate settings are applied on the apps your child is using.

- ⇒ Apple devices [Families - Apple \(UK\)](https://www.apple.com/families/)
- ⇒ Android devices [Family Link from Google - Family Safety & Parental Control Tools \(families.google\)](https://families.google.com/families/)

Further information

Internet Matters provide a checklist here : [Set up devices for children - Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/)

Do you feel your passwords are strong enough? Do you feel you and your family are completely secure on the internet? Do you understand phishing?

If you answered no to any of these questions or do not feel confident that you are as safe as you could be from cyber criminals, then you may wish to join East Midlands Special Operations Unit Cyber Protect Officers for a session on cyber security. Keeping yourself and your children safe online is a priority but with the ever changing online landscape, it can be difficult. This short video course gives you basic security tips to get you started : [Videos | EM Cyber Secure \(eastmidlandscybersecure.co.uk\)](https://www.eastmidlandscybersecure.co.uk/)

YouTube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13 (however, children of all ages may use the Service and YouTube Kids if enabled by a parent/legal guardian).



What if my child is under the age of 13?

If your child is under the age of 13 then your child should use either **YouTube Kids** or a **Supervised Account**. Which option you choose, will depend on your child's age and your requirements..

YouTube Kids - this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age you select:

- ⇒ Preschool (ages four and under)
- ⇒ Younger (ages 5-8)
- ⇒ Older (ages 9-12)

Supervised accounts - this is a parent-managed version of YouTube.

You can select one of the following options, again depending on your child's age and your requirements:

- ⇒ Explore - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- ⇒ Explore more - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- ⇒ Most of YouTube - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a table to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision : [Understand your choices as a family - YouTube Help \(google.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/help/parental-controls/)

Online Safety Bill

The Online Safety Bill is a new set of laws to protect people online. The laws will make social media companies more responsible for the safety of their users on their platforms. The Government have created a guide to the new laws detailing how the laws will protect children and adults. For example, the new laws mean social media companies will have to show how they are enforcing age limits.

It was last reviewed in August 2023: [A guide to the Online Safety Bill - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-the-online-safety-bill)

National College Online Safety

KEPS is an accredited National Online Safety School 2022/23 We are 83% through the 2024 accreditation and the last section involves our parents participating in the free training that is available as part of our KEPS membership. Please help our school stay ahead of the curve and maintain the accreditation but more importantly, ensure our children have an excellent awareness of online safety

[Online Safety for Parents of Children aged 7-11 \(International\) \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://www.nationalcollege.com/online-safety-for-parents-of-children-aged-7-11-international/)

KEPS Online Safety

Dear parents and carers,

We're delighted that Kind Edwin Primary School remains a member of The National College - a multi-award-winning online training provider for staff and parents.

What does this mean for you?

As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers - particularly, around online safety and keeping children safe online.

Online safety advice on any topic

Of course, staff will continue to teach children about the risks online. But with the internet so readily accessible, the most effective approach to online safety needs everyone involved, including parents and carers.

That's why you've now got access to hundreds of courses, explainer videos and online safety guides to support your awareness of the online world. Topics range from understanding apps like TikTok and Instagram to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help.

Sign up is easy

Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/king-edwin-primary-school-and-foundation-unit>

...and complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.



Download the app for free

Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want.

You can download the National Online Safety app through the App store or Google Play

They're always here to help

The National College has a brilliant support team if you have any questions. Their help centre provides a comprehensive bank of answers to most FAQs, but if you still can't find the answer you're looking for, you can always get in contact with them.

I hope you'll sign-up and make the most of their resources.

The links below offer our parents the best support. The courses are also CPD accredited and may support parents in their workplace too.

[Online Safety for Parents of Children aged 7-11 \(International\) \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://nationalcollege.com)

[Online Safety for Parents of Children aged 3-7 | National Online Safety \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://nationalcollege.com)

[Online Safety Training Course for Parents of Children Aged 7-11 \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://nationalcollege.com)

[Online Reputation Training & Certificate for Parents & Carers \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://nationalcollege.com)

[Cyber Security Training Course & Certificate for Parents & Carers \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://nationalcollege.com)

Please sign up to the National College App and remember, if you need to discuss any concerns regarding online safety and digital technology, we are here to help. Feel free to contact a member of our safeguarding team and/or our IT leader, Mrs Oliver office@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk



SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

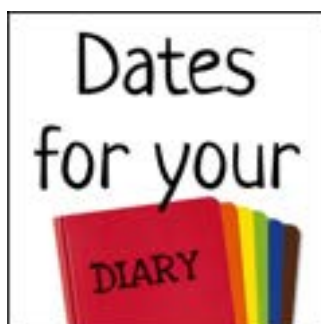
Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various documents, papers and led the out-reach for the Australian Government concerning the online use of social media by young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



The National College

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday



Just a few dates for your diary

Please keep up to date via our school website and social media pages

[Diary Dates and Calendar - King Edwin Primary and Nursery School](https://www.kingedwin.notts.sch.uk/key-information/diary-dates-and-calendar)
<https://www.kingedwin.notts.sch.uk/key-information/diary-dates-and-calendar>

DIARY DATES - Please note that these dates may alter and other dates will be added during the school year.

Monday 22/01/24	World RE Day
Wednesday 24/01/24	Baby & Toddler Group - <i>Toddler Bops £3.00</i> - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 25/01/24	Internet Safety & Mental Health for Primary School children meeting- 3pm
Monday 29/01/24	Y1 Soldiers and Nurses day
Wednesday 31/01/24	Baby & Toddler Group - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
W/C Monday 05/02/24	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 06/02/24	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 07/02/24	Y6 WW2 day - dress related to WW2
Wednesday 07/02/24	Chinese New Year Themed Meal
Wednesday 07/02/24	Baby & Toddler Group - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 08/02/24	Young Voices concert @ Sheffield
Friday 09/02/24	FOKE Bake Sale
Monday 12/2/24-Friday 16/2/24	School Holiday - School closed
Thursday 29/02/24	Dental survey, selected children
Thursday 07/03/24	World Book Day
Thursday 07/03/24	FOKE World Book Day event
Friday 08/03/24	FOKE - Mother's Day event
W/C 11/03/24	Book Fair
Wednesday 27/3/24-Thursday 28/3/24	Y3 Residential to Mount Cook
Friday 29/03/24 & Monday 01/04/24	Bank Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 02/04/24-Friday 12/04/24	School Holiday - School closed
Friday 19/04/24	Vaisakhi Day
Monday 06/05/24	Bank Holiday - School closed
Mon 13 th - Thurs 16 th May 2024	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 15/05/Friday 17/05/24	Y5 Residential to Walesby Outdoor Adventure Centre
Tuesday 21/05/24	FOKE Spring Disco
Tuesday 21/05/24	Y6 PGL meeting via TEAMS @ 4.30pm
Wednesday 22/05/24	Group photographs
Thursday 23/05/24	Vesak Festival
Sunday 9/6/24-Wednesday 12/6/24	Y6 Residential PGL
Friday 14/06/24	FOKE - Father's Day event
Friday 05/07/24	FOKE Summer Fayre