

King Edwin Primary School



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PLEA FOR HELP & SUPPORT

Dear King Edwin Primary School Families,

I am writing to you today with a heavy heart and a sincere plea for your support. Over recent weeks, we have seen a growing number of incidents involving damage to our school grounds and property. These include balls being repeatedly kicked over fences and into neighbouring fields, broken saplings, damaged outdoor equipment, littering, flower beds being pulled up, and even school equipment being broken.

This is not the standard we expect from our KingEdwinners, and it is certainly not the environment we want for our school community. What is most disheartening is that these incidents are occurring not only during the school day, but also before and after school. Our children report that some of our younger KingEdwinner siblings are getting equipment out of boxes and not putting it away, often using equipment such as bats and body boards inappropriately.

We have even had a cracked window this week and an injured toddler from footballs brought in from home (which is not permitted) ; children kicking balls against windows with parents watching and seemingly unphased by it all.

We have spoken to all of the children about this, and as part of encouraging reflection, we have made the decision to close access to the school field and the MUGA pitch today and tomorrow. This is not a punishment, but a chance for the children to pause and think together about how they feel about their school and the role they play in looking after it. Some children have offered to 'litter pick' and others want to tidy the play boxes or PE shed area. Our trim trails and daily mile track will still be in use.

We've reminded them that this is their school—not mine, not the staff's, but theirs. The play equipment, the green spaces, the learning environment—they belong to the children. All we want is for them to take pride in what they have and to treat it with the care and respect it deserves.

I want to be clear—this letter is not a 'telling off'. It is a heartfelt request for your help. We know that the vast majority of our children are kind, respectful, and proud of their school. However, it seems that a sense of carelessness or complacency may be creeping in, and we must work together to address it before it becomes a habit.

We are asking for your support in reinforcing the importance of respect for our school environment. Please speak with your children about the impact of their actions, however small they may seem. Encourage them to take pride in their school, to look after the spaces they use, and to be mindful of how their behaviour affects others.

We are incredibly proud of our school and the community we have built together. We are incredibly proud of our children – on the whole, they do care... this is simply a blip along the road but it really needs addressing. Let's ensure that our children continue to learn and grow in a place that reflects the values we all share—'respect' and 'good choices'.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,

Andy Callaghan-Wetton - Headteacher

