

King Edwin Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Your child's time at school is very valuable – they only get the chance once! It's therefore very important that they attend school as much as possible. Children can miss out on important aspects of learning if they are not in school every day.

The evidence regarding the link between attainment and attendance at school is overwhelming and we cannot stress how important it is that all children have good school attendance. Government statistics show that in general the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage, the lower the likely level of attainment at the end of KS2. In particular, pupils with no absence are 1.6 times more likely to achieve age related expectations or above, and 4.7 times more likely to achieve greater depth or above, than pupils that missed 15-20 per cent of all sessions. The relationship between absence and KS2 attainment remained similar over the past five academic years.

It is fair to say that attendance at King Edwin is not as strong as it could be and I would like to see this improve over the academic year.

We do realise that absences due to illness or medical matters can be unavoidable and school is not the place for a child to be if they are unwell. If your child is not going to be coming into school we ask you to phone the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence to let us know they won't be in.

At King Edwin Primary School our aim is for each child to achieve excellent attendance each year. We encourage parents to plan family holidays for the school holiday times where at all possible. A child who takes 2 weeks (10 days) holiday in term time will potentially have less than 95% attendance for that year before taking into account any further days lost due to illness.

Where a child's level or pattern of absences becomes a concern we will discuss this with the parent or carer and may involve the services of our Nottinghamshire Educational Welfare Officer to help improve the situation.

Please follow this link for more information on school attendance from the Department for Education
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance> (Further information can be found on our website).

Kind Regards

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