

King Edwin Primary School

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Dear Parents,

At King Edwin Primary School we very much understand the the challenges that our children encounter with regards to their emotional resilliance and health. Nationally, schools are observing that children have greater pressures placed upon them from a world that has changed dramatically in recent years.

One of our starategies at KEPS, alongside the excellent support delivered by our teachers and teaching assistants, is to employ practitioners from 'Think Children' which is a children's charity specialising in play therapy and emotional coaching. Many children benefit from their brilliant services and we already run a bespoke package of support across the school from Year 2 to Year 6.

As of next Friday we have decided to extend our relationship with 'Think Children' and we have invited Lizzie to provide 'drop in' sessions over the lunch time period. These sessions are not classed as counselling, they are best described as short play therapy sessions that offer children a chance to discuss their emotions directly with a person not specifically tied to the school teaching staff. This is often very much welcomed by children.

All sessions will take place in our new reading shed and are open to all children wishing to see Lizzie. The sessions are not recorded although issues that arise may be shared in minor detail with myself in order for us to ensure that we are always able to support our children with new situations that arise.

Lizzie is known to many of our children already and I expect that the sessions will be very popular to start off with. Over time we will obviously direct children that may benefit from the odd 5 minutes with Lizzie and this should offer that extra level of support across what is already a very wide offering at our school.

If you do not want your child to access the drop in sessions you must make this point known to our school office before Friday 1st February.

Please feel free to get in touch if you would like further information about Think Children and we will be happy to support parents accordingly.

Many kind regards,

Mr Callaghan-Wetton

