



King Edward Voice

May 2018

Non Uniform Day

Apologies but due to the school's commitment to SATs and SATs arrangements in Year 2 and Year 6 over the May period we are not able to do the Non-Uniform Day on Friday 18th May. We have now reorganised the Non-Uniform Day for Friday 25th May (the last day of the half-term). We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Scooters and Bikes

There was an incident on the playground this week where a nursery child was injured following being knocked over by a child on a scooter. Obviously this cannot be allowed to happen and I would like to pass on my apologies to the parent and child involved. Please ensure if you or a child comes to school by bike or scooter that you dismount from it before coming on to school premises and that you walk alongside it whilst on school grounds. Anybody not doing so will be approached by a member of staff to dismount or leave the school premises. Please ensure you support this for the safety of all involved.

Parent Mail

Many of you will be aware that we are setting up an APP called Parent Mail which will help improve communication of information between home and school, ensuring letters are not lost in school bags or on the journey home from school. Additionally from the beginning of next half-term you will be able to pay any dinner money through this system, and for any other money needed to be paid for school, e.g. trips, from September. Unlike some other schools we will still allow payments in cash if this is the way you want to make any payments. Please bear with us whilst we continue to set this up and work out how to use it to the best effect! Further information will be sent out before half-term to give you further information on this and requesting email addresses from any parents / carers we do not have email addresses for.

GDPR

The new General Data Protection Regulations come into effect from 25th May, like all schools and organisations we are continuing to review our processes and procedures to ensure we are fully compliant with these regulations. Further information about this will be sent out to parents and carers shortly.

Informing school when a child is absent.

Can I please remind parents that for Safeguarding reasons you do need to inform school by 9.30 when your child is absent from school on the first day of absence. If we are not contacted then the process for ensuring a child is accounted for is initiated.

As was communicated in the Arriving and Leaving School Policy sent out at the start of this half-term. Those steps are:

- Text message to parents;
- If the text message is not responded to phone calls made to all emergency contacts;
- A home visit if the phone contacts are not successful;
- And ultimately a phone call to the Police for them to carry out a Safe and Well Check if we still do not have a child accounted for.

Over the past few weeks we have had to carry out a number of home visits and in one case have had to contact the police for a Safe and Well Check to be carried out. These procedures have been put into place at schools following safeguarding incidents and investigations in other parts of the country, including where a young child was home alone in a house with a parent who had died.

Please help us ensure the safety of everyone involved by contacting us at the earliest opportunity in the day about a reason for absence. You can phone the school on 01405 813522 from 7.50am, alternatively an email can be sent anytime to absence@kingedward.doncaster.sch.uk, or texting to 07983 076020.

