



 **King Edward Primary School**
St Andrew Street, Littleworth
Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG18 2RG

 **Headteacher:** Mrs Emma Estell

Monday 16th September 2024

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I have really enjoyed meeting lots of you over the last two weeks and hope to speak to as many of you as possible as the weeks go on. I have been so warmly welcomed by staff and children and it has been a pleasure to get to know the school community, the children have such an enthusiasm for learning!

Over the past few weeks, I have begun listening to staff and children to gain a deeper understanding of what makes KEPS special and where we can continue to grow. There are many voices still to be heard, and over the coming term I will be asking for your thoughts too.

There will, however, be a few immediate changes happening in school that I would like to make you all aware of.

Class Names – Currently classes are named by the year group they are in followed by the class teachers initials. I would like to make the class names more child and family friendly, promoting inclusion and belonging. Classes have therefore been renamed as follows:

- Nursery - Seedlings
- RLE – Acorns, RCV – Saplings
- 1SS – Willow, 1MB/AT – Maple
- 2JC – Birch, 2JG – Ash
- 3MD – Elm, 3CU/AC – Sycamore
- 4RB – Kapok, 4KW – Palm
- 5TD – Cedar, 5AG – Banyan
- 6FH – Oak, 6ZP – Pine

Superstar Assemblies – To make it easier for families, the timing of superstar assemblies will be changed, to save families dropping off to leave site and come back. Superstars will still take place on a Friday but will start at 2:45pm. If your child has been chosen as the teachers' superstar, you will be notified on Dojo and invited into the assembly on the Friday. Please aim to arrive by 2:40pm at the latest. You will need to report to reception and will be taken to the new building hall for a 2:45pm start.

Parking Around the Site – This is a major concern for me. The parking at drop off and collection around St Andrew Street and St Catherine Street is not acceptable. Under no circumstances should any vehicles park directly outside school where the yellow zig zag markings are. These markings are in place to protect our children and ensure they can be seen by drivers if walking into the road. You are able to park for free for 30 minutes in the Water Meadows car park or the car park for B&M. We have already made many reports to the local authority and staff, including myself, have patrolled the area. Some families are also making reports directly to the council. I feel this is now a matter of 'when', not 'if', a child is hit.



Due to this, **from Monday 23rd September**, we will trial closing the gates near the school office and the side of the Lucy Burns Building. **All families will arrive and leave via the entrance off Littleworth.** Families attending Nursery will wait at the black gate near nursery which will open as the children go into nursery at 8:40am and again at 3:25pm.

This change is needed to reduce the significant safety risk to our children. Let's work together to keep our school environment safe for everyone.

I hope that families will support me in welcoming these changes and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

With all good wishes,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in blue ink. The signature appears to be 'Emma Estell'.

Emma Estell
Head Teacher