



# King Edward VII School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## 'UK Youth Strike 4 Climate'

It has been reported in the media during the last few days that 'thousands of school children are expected to absent themselves from school' on Friday 15 February 2019 'to take part in a series of coordinated protests drawing attention to climate change.'

King Edward VII School recognises the importance of this issue to young people and has routinely offered many opportunities to learn about climate change, to discuss the issues and to reflect on the steps that we can all take to reduce the impact that our actions have on the climate. For example, during the autumn term 2018, students in Year 9 worked with students from the University of Sheffield on a climate project and they will be presenting their findings to me shortly. High quality assemblies on climate change have been delivered to all Key Stage 3 students as part of this project. Students learn about climate change in many subjects such as Science, Geography and PSHE. The School is also involved in an Energy Sparks Project with Sheffield City Council. The main focus of this work is to look at the School's energy use and consumption and how we can reduce it. The School is also working hard to reduce the use of plastics which are damaging the environment.

It is essential that all students attend School as normal on Friday 15 February and should not leave the site during the School day to attend any events in support of this action.

If a student fails to attend School on Friday morning the standard absence procedures will be followed by the School to establish the reason for the absence. If the absence is related to the climate change action it will be recorded as unauthorised. If a student attends School in the morning and then leaves the site this will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

The priority for staff and the School is to keep all our children and young people safe during the working day.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

**Linda Gooden**  
Headteacher

