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1	What benefits do you believe joining the King Edwards trust has brought to Lordswood	
<p>There are financial benefits. Although we use some of our budget to be part of KEVI, they provide us with a range of services e.g. legal, HR and payroll. In addition to this, there are teaching and learning benefits. Other professionals from KEVI come in to help staff for example with writing schemes of work and our staff can also help other KEVI schools.</p>		KCn
2	Why has the school changed the lunchtime arrangements because people who are packlunches still have to wait in line to eat even though have got their own food and its not fair for them. Not everyone needs to eat in the canteen because its too crowded and bag rooms were a lot better.	
<p>At lunchtimes, there is only a certain staff that can work during this time so there is a limited number of staff available. Therefore there is not enough staff to supervise rooms hence why all students either go to the canteen or outside as they can be fully supervised. It is not really a very hygienic environment to eat lunches and food can get into the carpet. Places where food is served/eaten need to have wipeable floors such as in the canteen.</p>		KCn
3	Why are we not allowed a day off and why can't we go out on our frees?	
<p>The Sixth form gets money for providing full time education to its students. Previously, students were not using their free time appropriately and some were using their free time to do jobs rather than studying. Full time now means that students need to be in school. This has improved the work ethic in the sixth form and it's now a hive of activity. Students do get 2 free periods and can nominate when they go off site if they are doing well.</p>		KCn
4	If you are packed lunch can we eat outside?	
<p>At this present moment, no. The main reason is the litter and any crumbs dropped would also attract rats and other vermin on site. The playground area also needs to be kept clear of litter and debris in order to ensure it is safe to use by students during their PE lessons. However, the idea of having an outside eating space is currently being explored.</p>		KCn
5	why don't we have more fun things like trips and discos and why aren't we allowed phones at break and lunch and why can't we eat outside.	
<p>This is something that is back on the agenda now that the covid restrictions have gone. Staff received training on the last inset day (July 2022) on how to run a trip. There are many trips and events in the pipeline at present so you should start to see more opportunities to get involved with events and trips. Being part of KEVI also means that there will be a lot more opportunities too.</p>		Lfi

	Phones are not allowed at break and lunchtime because we want you to use this time talking to each other, making friends and enjoying the company you are in. This helps to develop your personal and social skills. In addition to this, privacy has to be considered. Some students may use their mobile phone irresponsibly. Mobile phones have a camera and some people may not consent to images being taken. Some students need to be kept safe and their location cannot be shared as this could put them at risk.	CYo
6	Will we get short Wednesdays again?	
	No. In fact guidelines were released by the Government and the school is actually 25 minutes short over the week. It needs to be 32.5 hours. A consultation of staff, students and parents will take place later on to find out the preferences of where the extra 5 minutes a day can be added on.	KCn
7	We only have 15 minutes of break time and the toilet queue is really long and most of the time we don't get enough time to eat. Why can't we use the upstairs toilets?	
	This is also a supervision issue. Only certain staff can be used to cover breaktime. This is so that staff can have their break too. At present we are looking at this and a member of SLT will take some students to the first floor toilets if the queue is long whilst a solution is found. Students can use the medical and the disabled toilet as well.	KCn
8	why do we wear proper ties not clip on ones	
	It is important to learn how to tie a tie as this is a valuable life skill. Clip on ties are more expensive and don't last as long.	CYo
9	What's one thing you are trying to change about the school but can't at the moment and why?	
	We are a diverse, inclusive school but the lack of access for people with disabilities is a concern to us. We would really like a lift but we can't afford it at the moment, which is really disappointing. We have a disabled toilet but people with disabilities may not be able to use it because they cannot get up the stairs.	KCn
10	In school we have a few subject clubs, but can we please have a story writing club in school because I'm really passionate about it	
	Staff volunteer to run a club, they don't get paid. However, you could approach one of your English teachers who may be willing to run this club or you could set the club up yourself. A group of you could go to the library afterschool and run the club there.	LFi
	Additional questions	
	The lunch card is £3.00 and the library card is 50p - why is this? And could they be combined into one? It could be due to different chips in the cards because they are used for different purposes.	KCn
	There is not much to do in the playground at break time and lunchtime. If the school provides equipment then it needs to be checked to make sure	

that it complies with health and safety regulations and also students would be required to wear appropriate footwear. If you provide your own equipment e.g. a ball or beanbag for catch then that would be OK.

Can we use the slope?

No. This is a supervision issue and we would not be able to see you.

We are doing football in PE and we are required to buy football boots.

The football pitch is made of special fibres. If trainers were used then this would flatten the fibres and damage its surface. That is why moulded boots are required to ensure the pitch surface is not damaged and lasts longer. It would cost £100,000 to get fixed if it got damaged.

Can we have a culture day?

This could make some people feel less included in the school community, especially if they are adopted or if someone doesn't identify with or know their culture. This could cause a divide. As there are non-uniform days you are more than welcome to wear traditional clothing if you want to