



# QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am sure you have all heard this evening's announcement from the Government about the U turn to now close primary schools from tomorrow until potentially after February Half term. As you can imagine, we now have a very quick turn around to put plan B into action!

So, all children will remain at home unless:

- they are living with a parent who is a critical worker, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>
- they are defined as 'vulnerable', i.e. have an EHCP or has a social worker attached to the family.

**I need to stress that the childcare provision for children of critical workers should only be used if it is absolutely essential, a last resort. Please do not use this provision if you have safe alternatives.**

Like last time, we will require evidence that you are a critical worker and booking a place is also needed. Once we receive all the bookings, we will then decide on how we'll group the children. They won't necessarily be in class bubbles- depending on the numbers. They could potentially be in mixed class/year group bubbles. The children on site will have access to the online learning which the children at home will be doing, but won't necessarily take part in the live lessons, but will watch the recorded ones and complete the work still.

The provision will be from 8:30-3pm and children will need to bring their own food and drink.

We need all bookings back by **midday tomorrow, i.e. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** so I can put together a staffing plan. Any received after this time will not be guaranteed a place. Please book a place by emailing: [office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk) You need to state your child's name, class and exactly which days and times you need for the entire closure period.

**Families in receipt of Free School Meals:** We will email you separately, but we are hoping to extend the voucher scheme that was used over the Christmas period.

**Online learning for children at home:** All work will be accessed via Google Classroom and the class blogs, so please ensure you have your password to hand. If you have lost your password, please email the school office.

- Children in Nursery and Reception will have a weekly work plan posted on their class blog as well as daily recorded sessions from their class teachers for the children to watch.
- Children in Years 1 to 6 will have 2 live lessons per day (English and Maths) as well as work set to complete independently. Information will be posted on each class blog detailing the times of the lessons. Don't panic if you can't be on the live lessons, these are all recorded and posted on the blogs to watch at a more convenient time.

Staff will be ringing the children once a week to see how they are. Please note, this may be from a private number.

**Loan of equipment:** We have an audit of which families need to borrow a device to access learning at home so we will be in touch with these families over the next day or so. If your circumstances have

changed since we carried out the last survey on who has access to technology, then please let us know. Paper copies will not be given out unless absolutely essential due to the risk associated in delivering or collecting the packs.

I know that many of you will now be working out your own logistics and I am sorry that this is all so last minute, but together we'll make this work.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require any clarification.

Keep safe,

Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman  
Head Teacher