

## QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Another week seems to have flown past; and we are already in February! Just a brief letter this week from me:

We have seen pupil numbers rise on site this week, with up to 67 children on one day, as more and more of our children classified as 'vulnerable' are returning, which is great. With this in mind, the Wednesday lunch time deadline for critical workers is even more crucial in order to secure a place, as staffing levels for the following week are always allocated Wednesday afternoon.

We have seen an amazing number of children on the live lessons, in fact 87% which is incredible, bearing in mind that some families can't access the live lessons due to other commitments, so they are watching the recorded ones instead. We now only have a handful of families who are not doing any home learning. As I have explained in my previous letters, we have a duty to ensure we keep in regular contact with families, so will do home visits if we aren't able to reach you by phone.

We are noticing some work is being completed by the adult at home and not the child. Please, please, please do not do this. We need to see what the children can do, so we can plan work accordingly. I have attached some information about supporting your child with writing which is worth reading.

We finish for February half term next Friday (12<sup>th</sup> Feb), so there will be no remote learning during that week. Families in receipt of Free School Meals will continue to receive an e-voucher over half term.

Our new school website is almost ready to go live, so watch this space. It is full of really useful information as well as lots of new photographs etc. It will be more 'mobile phone friendly' too!

Sadly, we say good-bye to one of our Teaching Assistants next week, Miss Bering. Miss Bering is leaving Year 5 to work in a residential home for young children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work at Queensway and wish her luck in her new role.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Keep safe.

Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman Head Teacher





