



# QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

What a wet, horrible week! I hope you are all keeping well and managing to access the new remote learning timetables. The teachers fed back that the new Guided Reading sessions were wonderful with children showing excellent levels of engagement. The percentage of children attending their live lessons continues to rise with 85% attending last week.

I really appreciate the commitment from families in engaging with the learning and finding solutions to the various challenges that home schooling brings. Every family is different depending on your circumstances and like I've said to the parents I have personally spoken to this week, make it work for your child and your family. Prioritise the English and Maths and keep reading as much as possible.

We are seeing more children submitting work this week via Google Classroom which is great. I urge those few families who are still struggling, to keep working through the user guide or contact the helpline: Tel No 01993848291 or Email: [support@123ICT.co.uk](mailto:support@123ICT.co.uk)

## **Technology:**

We have now delivered 37 devices to families who have been battling with access to technology. We prioritised families in receipt of Pupil Premium and those with multiple siblings. If access to technology remains a problem, please contact us and we'll see if we can help.

There is an opportunity for parents to attend a virtual workshop about online safety, led by the company who provides our IT support:

### ***Free virtual online safety workshop for parents Wednesday 10th February 2021 8-9pm via Zoom***

Join this live webinar workshop to help you as parents or grandparents understand more about the risks young people face online, and what you can do to support them and to help minimise those risks. We also explain how you can get help if your young person encounters issues online.

Lots of great resources and links will be shared during the session. There will be an opportunity at the end to ask questions.

This workshop lasts around an hour and will take place exclusively on Zoom. Because this session is being run single-handedly there will be NO ADMISSION after 8pm. You will be able to join the Zoom session from 7:45pm.

Places are strictly limited. Book your free place via the link at <https://123parents.oxon.in>

## **Communication:**

Thank you for engaging in the phone calls which staff make to you, they have loved talking to you and the children. Please can I urge parents to answer the phone to us as we have a safeguarding responsibility to remain in contact with you during the school closure. Unfortunately, we are having to make more and more

home visits due to calls not being answered. Please help us to reduce the risk to our staff having to come out to do home visits by returning calls and responding to messages.

### **Critical Worker provision:**

Our critical work force have been amazing in finding creative ways of providing child care in order to keep the number of children on site down and to stop the spread of the virus. There have been around 45 to 50 children on average accessing our on-site provision each day. Please continue to send in your childcare requests to us by Wednesday each week.

### **Advice from Public Health England (PHE):**

We have been sent the following information from PHE to pass on to you:

#### **Stay at home – COVID kills**

Cases are rising extremely quickly across Cherwell – we're now one of the top 50 most affected areas in England. COVID loves a crowd and as people continue to mix, it's spreading fast. One in three people with COVID don't know they have it, but increasing numbers are being affected – and are dying. So, in order to minimise the risk to you and your loved ones, act like you've got it. The vaccine will not start to have an influence for some weeks – and so the only weapon we have is to stay at home and avoid mixing.

- Only go shopping when essential
- shop alone and locally
- keep two metres apart from others
- wear a face covering
- remember that outdoor exercise is only allowed once per day.

This is real, it's affecting our economy, our children, our healthcare system and our own lives. We need to act now to stop the spread. For more information, visit [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | Oxfordshire County Council](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)



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### **Home Learning:**

Following feedback from families, for children in Years 1 to 6, we are going to aim to post on the class blogs by Sunday lunch time an overview of all the independent tasks the children will need for the following week. This will give families the opportunity to read it through prior to Monday commencing. The English and Maths independent tasks will continue to be posted on a daily basis as these are tweaked as the week goes on.

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

Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman  
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