



# QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and have had a good week.

No doubt you have heard the Government's decision this week that all primary children will not be back before the summer holidays due to logistics of available space whilst adhering to social distancing within classrooms. I am sure this has caused mixed reactions amongst our parent community; some will be extremely disappointed and are desperate for their child to attend school again and others will be relieved.

At school we are reaching capacity for some of our existing 'bubbles' as there has been a steady stream of families choosing to send their children back of those identified year groups that are able to access school. This therefore has some implications; if your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 6 and you currently have them at home but change your mind and want to send them to school, you will either be offered a place to start the following Monday if we have space in an existing bubble, or they will be placed on a waiting list if there isn't a space. When there are enough children to create a new group/bubble your child will be invited back into school. It may reach the point where, following the Government's guidance, we have to close the Year 6 groups to allow for more groups of key workers and vulnerable children who take priority. The Government are very clear that the priority order for allowing children back to school is:

1. Children defined as vulnerable
2. Children of critical workers (key workers) who are *needing* childcare
3. Nursery
4. Reception
5. Year 1
6. Year 6

The size of each bubble is dependent on the classroom size; our classrooms vary in size. Our current pupil spaces in the existing bubbles are:

Nursery- Mrs Marsh	Reception- Miss Hollidge	Reception- Mrs Guntrip	Reception- Mrs Tyler/Thorpe	Year 1- Mrs Bibi	Year 1- Miss Robinson	Year 6- Mrs Bridges	Year 6- Miss Jeffries	Year 6 - Mrs Thomas	Year 6 - Miss Fowler
3 mornings only	2	5	3	5	2	3	4	6	5

If you would like a space please email the office. Requests received after 4pm on Thursdays won't be guaranteed to be allocated for a Monday start the following week. Any new bubbles we need to create won't be led by the teachers listed above as they are already in a bubble.

We are needing to be very strict regarding children coming into school who are unwell and are on medication. These children are not permitted to attend.

A reminder about the times for drop off and collections- which remain the same all term are:

	Key Workers	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 6
Drop off time	8:30am	9:15am	9am	8:45am	8:30am
Collection time	3pm	2:30pm	2:30pm	2:45pm	3pm

(Children who do 15 hours in nursery: am session will be 9:15-12 or pm 12:15-3pm)

**Information for Key Workers and vulnerable families using Queensway childcare:** Please ensure you email the office every Thursday by 4pm your childcare requirements for the following week in order to secure a place. We cannot guarantee a place if this deadline is not met.

**Home learning:** We hope the children are still enjoying the home learning tasks and are finding the video clips helpful. If parents have lost their text which had the link to the YouTube playlist please let the office know who can resend the link. Quite a few parents have said that the children aren't writing at home. Please, please, please can you encourage your child to write! Maybe write a letter to their teacher or a friend, write the shopping list, write a story, anything you can to encourage children to keep those basic skills on the boil would be fantastic.

Teachers will be posting on the blogs the weekly home learning tasks by today at noon for next week: Class blogs can be found via the class pages on the school website:

<http://www.queensway.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=32>

**Phone calls:** The teachers are continuing to make phone calls to children not in school, however, they are often not able to get hold of families, even after several attempts. Therefore as time is precious we will ring once and leave a message if it is possible to do so, asking you to ring us back. We won't keep trying multiply times. I hope you understand this.

**Access to paper and pens:** Please can you let us know if you are struggling to access basic resources such as paper and pencils which you need to complete home learning and we will see if we can help you.

**Inset day:** **The inset day originally planned for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June is now cancelled. However, the school will be closed on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July instead.** During this day we will be offering individual appointments to come and meet your child's new teacher for next year. As you can appreciate this is really the only way we can manage the process safely, adhering to social distancing. We will be informing you all on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June who your child's teacher will be, then on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June the online booking process will open for you to book an appointment for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The appointments will be in classrooms and will be for you to attend **with your child**. I will give you more information nearer the time but wanted you to have the change of date for your diary.

**Cross embroidery uniform suppliers:** From June 17<sup>th</sup> our uniform provider, Cross Embroidery, are re-opening their shop for appointments, with restrictions in place in accordance with government guidelines. Families who know their sizes can order via click and collect, but the provider is strongly advising that customers book appointments and place orders as soon as they can to avoid a last minute surge in August, as this could result in unfulfilled orders. Cross Embroidery are asking customers not to turn up without an appointment or collection instructions: <https://www.crossembroidery.com/schoolwear/46-queensway-school>

Keep well and stay safe,

Mrs Sarah Horbury Jakeman  
Head Teacher