



# QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well, despite the gloomy weather. We all continue to be thoroughly impressed with the children's learning attitude and can see that the children are enjoying being back. The progress the children are making is impressive and staff are also working hard to ensure children have a passion for learning by delivering exciting and memorable lessons.

Following the Government guidance for Step 3 of the roadmap, there will only be a couple of tweaks to our provision from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, which only really affects staff. Staff will no longer be wearing masks other than at drop off and collection times. We are remaining in cohort bubbles with all other protective measures still applicable.

Parents are still required to wear face masks whilst on site and are not permitted into the buildings. If you are exempt from wearing a mask, please ensure you have relevant proof as staff will challenge parents without masks- please do not take offence by this.

We have had requests from families asking if children can bring in birthday treats to share with their friends yet. This can happen, but of course they cannot be food items, as per our food policy and we also ask that they are brought into school 48 hours in advance so we can quarantine them before giving them out.

I also wanted to clarify the one-way system in school, which is also remaining in place; unfortunately, the whole site cannot be one way due to needing to go to various points across the site to drop siblings off, however, **the entrance and exit points are one-way only**. Please can parents not use the side entrance to leave the school. Thank you to those parents who are challenging people going the wrong way and helping us keep everyone safe.

Year 6 parents- I am currently monitoring the situation regarding whether to grant permission for children in Year 6 to walk to and from school without an adult in readiness for secondary school in Term 6. I have made it clear to the children that this will be on the basis that they are responsible and can act in a safe manner. I will make the decision the last week of term and communicate with you then.

I wanted to flag up attendance. Our attendance for a small minority of families is very concerning with some children missing 1 or 2 days per week, which is nothing to do with Covid. This is totally unacceptable. Children have a right to an education. Please can I urge those families to improve this situation rapidly as we are already implementing a number of penalty notices and parenting contracts which is unpleasant and unnecessary. On the flip side of this, for the vast majority of families, thank you for getting back into good habits, i.e. early nights, prompt arrival at school and attending every day.

Please can I remind families to use the holiday periods to book family breaks. Term time holidays will very rarely be authorised, unless in exceptional circumstances.

It is hopefully starting to feel like light at the end of the tunnel following all the Covid restrictions. I look forward to the time we can come together as a whole school in assemblies and shared events, inviting the parents back into school with us.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Best wishes.

Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman  
Head Teacher