



Friday 1st May 2020

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Dear Parents,

Gosh we are already in May- when did that happen! I hope everyone is continuing to keep well and managing to find things to occupy the days for those people who aren't working. The teachers have thoroughly enjoyed catching up with you and your children on the telephone this week- actually, some found it quite emotional. They really do miss their classes. I hope the children liked receiving the call and enjoyed the brief catch up.

Numbers have been slightly higher on some days this week- 18 on Monday, but generally are still around 10 children using Queensway childcare on average. These range from nursery to Year 6 all joining together in the hall for the vast majority of the time. The staff are on a rota, so each day there is a teacher and a TA, as well as an administrator, cleaner and member of the Senior leadership Team on site. Steve and Debbie are also working most days for a few hours. I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their commitment- they have been so excited to take their turn in school and see the children again and the nurture they have provided has been outstanding. The teachers are working incredibly hard at home- in fact, all 420 annual reports to parents have been written this week which will be distributed in the coming months to families.

The School Business Manager has also been working incredibly hard setting the new budget which Governors and I signed off this week. We are very excited that we are able to plan in some additions to our trim trail on the field, a large wooden gazebo, a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), a refurbished library, updated IT equipment, alterations to the Year 1 classes; taking out internal walls to extend the classroom areas, amongst many more projects. These projects will be carried out using contributions from the PTA and the Aldi winnings along with very careful budgeting from us over the past few years. Once we are open we will begin to crack on with these projects. It will certainly give the children lots to look forward to!

So now for some specific updates:

Support for parents:

- The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health have produced a poster for parents about what to do if your child is unwell: [covid19_advice_for_parents_when_child_unwell_or_injured_poster-1.pdf](#)
- Sport England and Active England have produced a poster about how families can keep active during the lockdown: [Resources - keeping children active-2.docx](#)
- If you have any concerns about health in relation to coronavirus the nhs have an excellent website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Debbie is phoning many of our families to check everyone is well and asking if you need anything. This is not meant to be intrusive in any sense, but a supportive gesture. Please feel free to contact Debbie yourselves if you need any support: djay0111@queensway.oxon.sch.uk

Queensway Face Book page: A huge thank you to all the supportive messages and 'likes' on Facebook this week. The rainbow photos were fantastic. <https://www.facebook.com/Queensway-Primary-School-2343858765881705/>

Next week's focus is baking- send us photographs of what you have been baking during the lockdown: office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk

Information for families who are in receipt of Free School Meals: As the email this week from Sonja Smith, (School Business Manager,) confirmed, Aldi are now on the approved list of supermarkets where you can redeem your vouchers. I hope this will make life a bit easier for some families. Remember there was information on one of my previous emails about local food banks should you need to use them.

Home learning: Teachers will be posting on the class blogs, by noon today, next week's work plans for children. Please ensure you are still reading to and with your children as often as possible. <http://www.queensway.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=32>. Many blogs have the top 10 tips for staying on safe online, but here they are in case you've missed them:

10 top tips for staying safe on the internet

- 1) Don't post any personal information online – like your full name, email address, mobile number, etc.
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online, most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- 3) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible!
- 4) Never give out your passwords.
- 5) Don't befriend people you don't know.
- 6) Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do.
- 7) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are.
- 8) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online.
- 9) Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude.
- 10) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.

Information for Key Workers and vulnerable families using Queensway childcare: As per the email sent on Wednesday 28th April to particular families, please notify the school office by today at noon with your childcare requirements for next week: office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk. Friday 8th May is technically a bank holiday, although I'm not sure that counts right now, but we will be opening for childcare if it is required.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you need any further clarification or support.

Keep well and stay safe,

Mrs Sarah Horbury Jakeman
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