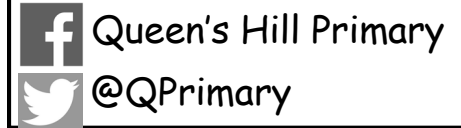




NEWSLETTER

JULY 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the final hours of the summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the year, and particularly over the recent months.

I know that you have had to deal with so much recently: increased household bills due to having the children home; some of you have been affected by the virus and a number of you have had to deal with the passing of your loved ones, either due to Covid or from other circumstance; some of you are facing redundancy and/or loss of earnings and all of you have been thrown into lockdown, having to educate your children and not being able to see your nearest and dearest.

None of us know what September might bring. We are acutely aware that we could face a second peak. What we do know is that we need to continue to make school as safe as possible for the children, the staff and the community.

With this in mind, the following plan is in place for September although please be aware that this may need to change. We will contact you at the end of August to confirm or change the arrangements:

A staggered start to school:

This is to limit contact between parents and carers:

Nursery children 8.30-11.30 and 12.30 -4pm - parents and carers to drop off at nursery gate;

Y1-4: Those in Aragon, Cleves and Parr 8.30-2.50 ;

Y1-4: Those in Boleyn, Seymour and Howard 8.40-3pm;

Year 5 and 6: 8.20-2.40 using the Stockwell Road entrance. Y5/6 children should walk alone if possible.

Limiting adults on site:

- Only one adult per family on site to collect.
- Please do not have conversations with staff members: email or phone school office if you need to get in touch.
- Parents should not gather on site for chatting.
- 2m social distance should be adhered to at all times.

Using a one way system around the school:

If your children are in KS2, please drop them at the Stockwell Road entrance. All other parents should use the Fieldfare Way entrance.

Resources between home and school limited:

Children to bring in their own named pencil case if possible (suggested contents: handwriting pen (KS2 only), writing pencil, colouring pencils, sharpener, clear plastic ruler and eraser). School can provide resources so please do not get a pencil case especially.

Maintaining high levels of hygiene:

Children will wash hands on arrival to school, after using the toilet, playing outside and before eating. At other times the teachers may distribute hand sanitiser. We will continue to carry out additional cleaning throughout the day and encourage the children to follow all the guidelines on our class posters of "how to keep us all safe" (available on the school website).

Maintaining "bubbles":

Classes will become "bubbles" and they will not mix with other bubbles. Assemblies and other events where children would normally gather together will now take place using technology.

We will try to keep children from different bubbles separate in breakfast club and after school club as much as we can.

We will use external doors where we can to avoid children mixing in corridors. This means coats and bags etc. will stay in your child's classroom. Please only send your child with what they need! NO CUDDLY TOYS etc.

We will limit the amount of adults coming into your child's class. This may mean that any additional support they receive may take place less regularly than before but for a longer period of time.



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Using the outdoors as much as possible:

As we have done this term, playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and children will be allowed to play in designated areas. We have purchased additional play items which will be used by one class per week.

Please make sure that your child has named suitable clothing e.g. wellies, waterproofs, warm coats, sunhat.

We ask that parents and carers follow the guidance below where possible:

- Please minimise the contacts your family have outside of school. We know that the more groups families attend the more people will need to isolate if a positive case is found in the setting. You should only use after school clubs/sports clubs/ childminders when you are sure they are putting protective measures in place to limit the spread of Covid-19.
- Please only use our school breakfast club if you absolutely need to help us to limit numbers.
- We highly recommend that your child/ren only plays outside of school with those in their class.
- Families from different households should not share car lifts. Everyone is encouraged to walk or cycle to school. However, parents and carers should not walk in large groups to school.
- Ensure all household members wash their hands when they get home.
- Keep your child off school and inform us if they have any Covid related symptoms and let us know the test results.
- Let us know if you have been away to a country on the quarantine list (and keep your child off school for the set amount of time).

Most importantly, we will continue to keep up-to-date with all the local and national information available to us to ensure that everyone is able to share a passion for learning as safely as possible.

I do think it will be some time until you, as adults, will be able to join us for cafes, nativities and productions. All of these are really important in the life of our school and we would like to continue with them in a remote way if we can. With that in mind, you may wish to consider your permissions for GDPR moving forward. We will have a clearer plan next term about how we can make things work to involve all of the children, but do email office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk if you want to make any changes to your permission preferences.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Terrific Tuesdays 11-12 at Kestrel Avenue entrance.

28th July 4/11/18 August

Pop along to get FREE books for the **Summer Reading Challenge**.

Each week we will have different reading activities and a recipe idea for lunch. Look out for more details on our school Facebook page.

BUILDING SITE -

Please do remind your children to stay away from building sites in the unlikely circumstance that you let them play out alone in this current climate. The site along Fieldfare Way is going to be very busy and dangerous in the next few weeks. When we return in September, I have asked the contractor to do a remote safety assembly for the children to attend and discuss in their classrooms.



SENDCo POSITION

Miss Butcher has done a brilliant job for us in taking on the role (with a little arm twisting!) this academic year. Those of you who have had meetings with her will know how very thorough she has been. As previously agreed with Miss Butcher, she is stepping down from the role and hands over to the SENDCo to Mrs James (for EYFS and KS1 pupils) and to Mrs Andrews (KS2 pupils) who both qualified as SENDCos this year.

NEW STAFF

We welcome two new teachers to the Key Stage 2 team: Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Pascoe. Donna Alexander will be working afternoons in the administration team. We hope they will very soon feel part of the team.

FAREWELL

Mrs Julieanne Challen will be leaving us to take up a new Teaching Assistant post in September.