



Newsletter

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Queen's Hill Primary

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We are really looking forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday and I am sure, for one reason or another, you are too. It seems a positive step along the road to some sort of normality.

Some children will be keen to be returning to the classroom, some may be feeling anxious. Please reassure your child that their feelings are normal and many children (and staff!) will be feeling the same way as them.

The staff have been planning for the children's return and would like to remind you of a few of the arrangements that will be in place when you come to school next week. There are video links different year groups overleaf with more information.

Please remember to:

- **Follow our one-way system** - and maintain social distance from others
- **Wear a mask** on the school site
- Keep to the **staggered start and finish times**
- **One adult** per family bringing children to school and collecting

Testing

Since we were last all together, one big change is that our staff are now testing for Covid-19 twice a week while they are working in school. Families can also take advantage of these Lateral Flow Tests at home. Unlike our secondary colleagues, we will not be testing children when they return to school, but you can use these tests yourselves, for both your children and the adults home.

Test kits can be ordered online, and will arrive in a couple of days or you can collect them from pick-up points in Norwich. Details on how to get your tests kits [can be found here](#).



Welcome Back!

Check out your child's year group films



Nursery & Reception



Years 1 & 2



Year 3



Year 4



Years 5 & 6



Staffing Update

As often happens in a large school, we tend to have a flurry of staff changes at once! At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Howes (Y2 teacher, nee Corbett), Miss Stevens (Y1 teacher) and Mrs Carpenter (Y1 teacher).

Mrs Howes is leaving to spend more time with her little boy. She has worked in Nursery and KS1 for a number of years and has always been so calm and caring! Mrs Moore who is returning from maternity leave will work alongside Mrs James as teacher and Y2 lead.

Miss Stephens has secured a role with Norfolk County Council as a Pathway Advisor. Miss Stephens joined us as a higher level teaching assistant in Reception before taking on the role of class teacher in Reception and KS1. She completed her SEN qualification last year and is looking forward to supporting families across the County. Mr Ward, who has been with us since September delivering PE and other curriculum areas across the school will take over from Miss Stephens for the summer term.

Mrs Carpenter has been growing nicely over the last few months and has another big baby due in the Easter holidays - if she gets that far! Miss Hunter, who has been working in KS2, will take over as class teacher, working alongside Mrs Carpenter from 8th March. Mrs James will take on the role of KS1 Phase Leader from the summer term.

We welcome Miss Osborne to the school. She replaces Mr Ward and will be working across the school. We also have new clerk to the governors, Mrs Blowfield. As an ex-headteacher we are sure she will be a great asset to the team.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared and you should inform the school. We would also recommend getting a test as soon as possible.

All other household members must also stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If your child is isolating due to developing symptoms themselves, or due to the household isolation being identified as a close contact please let us know as soon as possible in the same way you normally report absence. This will help us to take the right precautions at the setting.

If their test is negative they can return to school when they are well and the other household members can also return to their normal routine.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- **a high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal





Ensuring We're All Ready to Learn

Our three school rules are ready, respectful and safe; the school rules are followed by all members of our school community (children, parents and families and staff).

This half-term we are going to be teaching pupils all the behaviours and routines they will need to make a successful return to school.

Snack Time in KS2

In Years 3,4,5 and 6 children are encouraged to bring a snack into school for their mid-morning break.

The following snacks are allowed:

Fresh or dried fruit

Vegetables

Yoghurt



Packed Lunches

If your child is coming into school with a packed lunch, please make sure it doesn't contain any solid chocolate bars (eg. Dairy milk bar, Freddo, Galaxy). Items that contain a small amount of chocolate are allowed (eg. Chocolate cookie, Kit Kat, penguin bar). Please remember, we are a nut-free school as we have a number of staff and children with severe nut allergies.

Educational Visits and Residential Trips

If the government allow Residential trips and visits we will be organising events for the Summer term so please remember to save your pennies as we won't be able to give you as much notice as usual.



DIARY DATES



Weds 3 March	VIRTUAL Year 1 Maths Cafe
Tues 9 March	VIRTUAL EYFS Healthy Planet Café
Weds 17 March	VIRTUAL Y4 Family & Friends Café
Mon 22 March	VIRTUAL Y6 Café
Weds 24 March	VIRTUAL Y3 Café
Thurs 25 March	VIRTUAL Y5 Maths Café LAST DAY OF TERM <i>*Please note this is a Thursday*</i>
Mon 12 April	FIRST DAY OF FIRST HALF TERM OF SUMMER TERM
Wed 21 April	VIRTUAL Y1 Cafe
Fri 30 April	VIRTUAL EYFS Bug Hunt Cafe

Term Dates for 2020/21

Spring Term	Monday 4 January 2021 to Thursday 25 March 2021 <i>INSET DAY FRIDAY 26 MARCH 2021 (school closed to school children)</i>
Summer Term	Monday 12 April 2021 to Thursday 22 July 2021



Tea or coffee? Let's get together!

Our online coffee mornings and afternoon teas are relaxed and friendly opportunities for parent carers to get together and talk with others who really understand.

There is no need to book as long as you are a parent carer of a child or young person with SEND.
Just click on the link below when you are ready to join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83006703755>

Thursday 18 February 2021
from 15:30 to 16:30



Tuesday 2 March 2021
from 10:00 to 11:00

Thursday 18 March 2021
from 15:30 to 16:30



We want these sessions to be a safe, friendly place for parent carers to spend time together. We know this works best when everyone knows what to expect. So it may help you to know that:

- We will aim to start and finish on time.
- The session will be recorded automatically. This recording will be kept securely and will not be viewed except in the unlikely event that a concern about the session is raised by someone present. It will be destroyed after two weeks.



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