



11th January 2021 Dear parent / carers,

May I start this letter off with a big THANK YOU. Thank you all for your understanding and support of Queens Road Academy, you are being fantastic in understanding the response to the National Lock-down and doing your bit for our community.

I appreciate this has turned out to be a strange start to the year. National advice has at times been a bit topsy-turvy and this has led to us all trying to strike that awkward balance, in trying to keep our children safe and keeping the children learning. I know there are many families who could have sent pupils into school, who have sensibly arranged to learn safely from home. The result of this is that we can keep some reduced provision going at school and develop our on-line learning for the majority of pupils working at home. You may have heard of some schools locally and nationally being overwhelmed by too many pupils trying to attend, but due to you we are effectively operating at about 25% in school 75% home learning. Your teachers are continuing to work hard and gain new skills of developing teaching online. You can be assured that like everything else, we will look into how we can make this even better. We like hearing from you about what is working well on this, so that we can innovate further. As a school we are well placed in providing remote learning, as we invested in the Google platform early last year before the first lock-down.

From this week we will be making weekly 'safe&well' calls to all of our families, so if you do have any issues with anything like accessing home learning please let us know.

In line with government guidance we have been working to ensure that all on-site safety measures that can be put in place, are put in place, including maintaining risk assessments to minimise risks to children, families and our staff. The reason we have had so few Covid related issues and closures is due to us all continuing to do our bit. So, like I started this letter...Thank you!

Keep safe and we look forward to seeing the super learning online,

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Kaufman