



Queens Road Academy Update: All systems Go!

14th July 2020 Dear parent / carer, we trust that you and your families are keeping well. It has been fabulous to see again some new pupils in school. We just wanted to briefly send some information to what we plan in September. Subject to any new guidance being released by government, we plan to be open for all classes in September.

We have been busy planning for the return of all pupils on September 2nd 2020, and it is increasingly looking a bit more like normal practice. The following plan is what we intend, however it may need to be adapted if the Government/Local authority issue new instructions over the summer break.

Health and safety - We will be operating limited movement in and around school for the foreseeable future. What this means is that children will largely stay in their own class or use designated outdoor spaces. We will be staggering break and lunch times. Children will play with pupils in their own class only. Equipment will be based within classrooms, rooms will have increased cleaning along with regular hand washing routines for pupils.

Lunchtime – We are working with the catering team to provide hot lunches; however, the menu is slightly limited. Children will eat in the main school hall as a class, both for pupils with packed lunch or school meal. If you would like school meals then payments are through the school Parentpay system.

Start end times- Start and end times to the school day have been staggered to reduce congestion on the path up to school. We are really thankful for all pupils and parents who have been attending school observing social distancing so far, it is important that parents respect these measures and do not stand with people outside of your household on the school grounds. Staff will be on-hand to meet and greet.

School day times –

Year -**Nursery** arrive 8.45am – Children to be dropped off at the Foundation stage gate – Pick-up at 11.45am (3pm for 30 hours pupils)

Year -**Reception** arrive 8.45am – Children to be dropped off at the school playground entry gate- Pick-up at 3.00pm at the Nursery Gate

Year -**1** arrive at 9.00am – Children to be dropped off at the school playground entry gate – Pick-up at 3.00pm from the school playground entry gate

Year -**2** arrive at 9.00am – Children to be dropped off at the school playground entry gate – Pick-up at 3.00pm from the school playground entry gate

Year -**3** arrive at 9.00am - Children to be dropped off at the school hall door – Pick-up at 3.15pm from the school Hall door

Year -**4** arrive at 9.00am - Children to be dropped off at the school hall door – Pick-up at 3.15pm from the school Hall door

Year -**5** arrive at 9.10am - Children to be dropped off at the school hall door – Pick-up at 3.25pm from the school playground entry gate

Year -**6** arrive at 9.10am - Children to be dropped off at the school hall door – Pick-up at 3.25pm from the school playground entry gate

Curriculum – We plan to deliver our full curriculum offer in September which means all subjects will be taught. We will work with your child/children to identify gaps in knowledge and support them as needed to ensure access to the new learning. Homework will be a little different as we reduce sending items between home and school and therefore this will be set using the Google Classroom each week.

Help and support – We know some children will find it a bit more of a challenge at the start of term due to the time away from school. We plan that each class will be covering aspects of well-being through the PHSE topic in the first term. Should you feel you or your child needs additional support when we start back in September, please email school and we will help where we can.

Afterschool/Breakfast clubs – At this time we are unable to provide any afterschool clubs or breakfast club, due to the mixing of pupils across year groups. We will still offer Bagels and Juice to any of the pupils within class each day, this will remain free. We will review this in October to get clubs going again as soon as possible.

Blended learning – It is pleasing that all local reports indicate reductions in the number of Covid cases, however should a class be affected by Covid19, we will contact you and this will mean the class will have to return to home-learning for a time, following guidance/instruction from Public Health England. We will continue the use of Google-classrooms to ensure the planned work is available to pupils, should this occur.

Gifts - A few parents have asked us recently about small thank-you gifts to their teachers, unfortunately we must inform you that we cannot accept these at this time, your best wishes or a message via Twitter or Google classroom is brilliant way to share thanks.

Finally, none of us predicted at the start of this year we would be affected by a pandemic. I am proud of all the families and staff who have continued to ensure the well-being and learning of QRA children throughout this time. Thank you all! We wish you all a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing the children back ready to learn in September.

School office last day before summer closure is Friday 17th July 2020

School reopens to children Wednesday 2nd September (At this time we are basing this on ALL children returning in ALL classes, however we will reflect public health and department of education advice made over the summer months.)