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Queensgate Foundation
Primary School



Welcome Back

Dear Parents and Carers,

Back to School

It has been brilliant to welcome the children back to school. Our attendance was over 98% which we are thrilled about.

Here are a few reminders about how things are working at the moment whilst we still have to be careful about Covid 19.

- ◆ Our risk assessment is on the school website; click on the parent tab and then Covid 19 information. All of the measures that we are taking to reduce the risk of the spread of Covid 19 are there
- ◆ Children are in class bubbles, but they go to lunch as a Year group
- ◆ The children are required to wash their hands or anti-bac them with the school product as they come into the classroom. They also wash their hands if they change to a lesson outside of their own classroom and before lunch. Please do not send in hand gel with the children as they need to use what we are providing to ensure all the correct COSHH paperwork is in place
- ◆ Breakfast club is up and running but must be pre-booked the week before through the school office, so that we can monitor numbers
- ◆ Our after school wrap around club provided by Seashells is up and running as from Monday. They are able to have fifteen Queensgate children. The Queensgate children will be kept in a bubble away from the Holy Cross children. Please contact Mandy at Seashells to book your place
- ◆ From Year 2 upwards the children are sat at desks facing forward
- ◆ Break times and lunchtimes are staggered
- ◆ We do not want the children changing at school so please send them in their PE kit on PE days. I have listed the PE days later in the newsletter
- ◆ Please provide a water bottle for your child
- ◆ We are currently not having book bags in school, but will review this at the end of next week
- ◆ Each class has their own area of the field and their own sports equipment bag which is washed after use
- ◆ Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 should be arriving at 8:40am and leaving at 2:50pm
- ◆ Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 should be arriving at 8:50am and leaving at 3:00pm
- ◆ Please stick to the times and do not linger to chat to others
- ◆ It may help to wear face coverings during these busy periods
- ◆ Please make sure you are socially distancing whilst on the school site. It is important to remember that we have all had different experiences in lockdown. Please be respectful of each other

Working together for a successful future

Staffing News

We have had an unexpected change of staff over the summer holiday. Mrs Billington decided it is time to retire. A huge thank you to Mrs Billington for all her hard work over the last 10 years. She says she will miss the Queensgate spirit. She will be spending more time with her grandchildren.

We have appointed Miss Emma Cordon. I have asked her to write a piece for the newsletter to introduce herself.

Miss Cordon will be working on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs Gibbins teaching on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 2BG will now be called 2GC. We extend a very warm welcome to Miss Cordon.



Hello to all parents, carers and children. My name is Miss Cordon and I'm looking forward to getting to know you all as we start this exciting new term.

I have recently moved back to the Isle of Wight after a long time away. I grew up and went to school here and moved away for work and study opportunities. I trained to be a teacher in London and I've been fortunate to work in primary schools in both Bristol and London. I am really pleased to be here at Queensgate and very happy to have joined the Year 2 team.

I have a passion for reading and love books. If you and your families have read any great books lately and would like to share your thoughts about them, please come and find me, I'd love to hear about them.

Last term we introduced you to Miss Croutear. She has now started full time with us and is enjoying her new class.

We also welcome Mrs Brown to RSJ whilst Mrs Turner is off.

A message from Mrs Merwood

Dear Children and Parents,

Thank you so much for your lovely good wishes, cards and generous presents I received on my retirement from Queensgate and indeed my teaching career. I wish you well as you begin a new school year. Enjoy your new learning experiences, new classes and new teachers.

Have an exciting year, take care and stay safe.

Kind Regards Mrs L.R. Merwood

PE Days

As already mentioned on PE days we would like children to come already dressed in their PE kits. This means that there is no changing required in school and gives you an opportunity to wash the school uniform within the week.

The days are: Reception - Tuesday, Y1 - Thursday, Y2 - Wednesday and Friday, Y3 - Wednesday, Y4 - Tuesday and Thursday, 5PG - Tuesday and Thursday, 5RA - Wednesday and Friday, 6LR - Tuesday and Thursday, 6TS - Tuesday and Friday. Children can wear tracksuits when the weather gets colder, if possible navy blue.

Behaviour Policy

We have updated our Behaviour Policy. Please have a read. It can be found on our school website. Here is our School Code which outlines our expectations for behaviour for our whole community.

Teacher's Email Accounts

The classroom emails that were set up during lockdown, proved to be a valuable communication tool. We are going to keep these email addresses active, but please bear in mind that they are not the teacher's main email account and that they won't necessarily be checking them every day. If there is something urgent please contact the office in the first instance. We would also be grateful if you could treat any individual addressed emails as confidential and do not share them on Facebook or other social media sites.

Thank you for your support with this.



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- To use good manners all day, every day.
 - Listening to teachers, adults and other children
 - Being polite
 - Being gentle
 - Being helpful
- Looking after ourselves, other people and our school, inside and outside
- To make sensible choices
- Remember to say sorry if necessary
- Always tell the truth
- Be proud of ourselves, our uniform and our school

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What's for dinner next week?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BBQ Chicken Pasta	Sausage Roll with Wedges	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Wrap with 50/50 Rice	Battered fish with chips
Vegetable Tagine with Rice	Vegan Mexican Roll with Wedges	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable & Bean Wrap with 50/50 Rice	Spanish Omelette with Chips
Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peas Carrots	Carrots Green Beans	Summer Roasted Vegetables	Baked Beans Peas
Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Iced Sponge Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Apple Sponge & Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Spanish Cookie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

Positive Quote

To make a difference in someone's life, you do not have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care.

Whole school attendance 98.2%.

Remember that good attendance will help your child to succeed at school.

This week RAS, RSJ, 1KS, 2KA, 2GC, 4MC, 5RA, 6LR & 6TS all achieved 100% attendance! Well done.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher