



Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Sunday 3rd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all safe and well.

As you will be aware, the situation regarding Covid-19 has changed significantly on the Isle of Wight over the Christmas holidays. Despite the Government's decision to keep Primary schools fully open, we are unable at this time to do this safely.

There has been a sharp rise in cases of Covid-19 on the Island, with over 450 new cases being recorded in the last 24 hours. Members of our school community have tested positive, some are isolating and a significant number of staff have been advised to shield. Additionally some staff have been advised by their Unions to work from home.

Under these circumstances, we sadly will not be able to open Queensgate Foundation Primary school for all pupils.

I have determined that a significant reduction in staffing levels necessitates a partial school closure affecting all year groups. Please appreciate that our spaces are significantly reduced since the summer term due to the critical staffing situation. Priority will be given to children where both parents are key workers, or a lone parent is a key worker, and no other childcare options are available. I would also like to offer places to vulnerable pupils, for example, those with an EHCP and or a social worker.

If you require a place for your child and meet the criteria above, please email the school to book your place enquiries@queensgateprimary.co.uk Please include details of your employer and your job role as we may need to give priority to those in the NHS and care workers. Please also advise if you require a place for your child in Breakfast Club.

We will endeavour to provide appropriate home learning for all other children, via google classrooms, tapestry, the school website or in some circumstances a pack, which can be collected from school. Please bear with us whilst we get these systems up and running.

Your child's class teacher will email you with log in details but if you do not hear from them please email them on the address below, as they may not have your email address:

Miss Jenkins: rsj@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Miss Saunders: ras@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Miss Stone: 1ks@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Mrs Edmonds: 1ce@queensgateprimary.co.uk

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Mrs Arnell/ Mrs Blanchflower: 2ka@queensgateprimary.co.uk

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This decision is one that we have not taken lightly, but to ensure the safety of your children and our staff we have no other choice. We see this as a temporary situation that will be reviewed daily as infection rates reduce and staff levels increase. We will keep you updated as and when things change.

Please keep yourselves and our community safe by following the Government guidelines for Tier 4, including isolating if you or anyone in the family has symptoms or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive.

Please do not send in your child if they show any symptoms at all e.g. High temperature, continuous cough, loss of taste or smell – please contact 119 or <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> to seek advice in the first instance and to arrange a test.

Please do not send your child in without contacting the school first.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Sillito

Headteacher



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