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**Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School**



## Compliments received from Osborne House!

Dear Parents/carers,

### Visitors in School

This week we have received guidance from Isle of Wight Public Health as follow:

“It is understood that a number of schools wish to host parents’ visits or events. Proposals range from open days, parents’ evenings, harvest festivals, school plays, and other events (this is not an exhaustive list of examples) in which external visitors that are not pupils or staff would be allowed to enter the school premises. Isle of Wight Public Health wish to clarify that such events in which people would gather should not occur.”

For this reason we are unable to run our usual style of Parents and Carers Consultations. We will be sending a report to you instead, which will come to you on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October and will include how your child has settled in their new class, how they are approaching their learning and their next steps for reading, writing and maths. If, having read the report, you have any concerns you will be welcome to contact the teacher to discuss either via Zoom or phone call.

In addition this information has meant that we have had to cancel our open mornings for new parents and will instead upload a virtual tour of our school. This will go on our website on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### Book Bags

Please remember to send the children’s book bags in on a Friday only please. They will then be returned to your child on a Monday – thank you. Please note if your child has a longer book and they haven’t finished reading it, please keep it until the Friday after they have finished the book.

### Building Works

Just to let you know there will be some disruption to paths and wheelchair access next week as our new playground and paths at the front of the school will be tarmacked. Sorry for the inconvenience, but I think it will look good in the long run.

### Google Classroom is Coming!

We have been busy preparing for any future school closure, or even as a new homework platform, within Google Classroom. The teachers and teaching assistants are having training from an external company on how best to use the online resource, over the next couple of weeks. We will give more details in forthcoming newsletters or the teachers may contact you directly. If you’d like to find out more please watch this video:

<https://youtu.be/OUaAC6j8HZk>

### Appropriate Clothing

As the weather has changed to a much more wintery feel, please ensure that children are coming to school with a jumper and a coat. We are keeping windows in classes open so the school is quite cool.



## Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
  1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
  2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



**Professor Viv Bennett CBE**

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Head of World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Public Health Nursing and Midwifery

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#### **Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline opening hours**

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care.

Parents can contact this helpline by calling: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm



## Out & About

On Tuesday morning the 1CE Out and About group visited Osborne House. To tie in with their topic, *Growing Up*, the children visited the House to find out about how the Royal Princes and Princesses grew up at Osborne. They also enjoyed carrying out a 'Senses bingo' game around the terrace and walled gardens. The children were complimented on their exceptional behaviour! Well done, we are so proud of you.



3BM Out and About children continued their map reading and compass skills as they followed a route down to the river and back. The children developed confidence recalling directions and worked together to reach their destination. They were all worn out, having raced back to school for home time!



Some children from RSJ had their first offsite Out and About session on Wednesday morning. The children enjoyed walking to the park for a play. They were great at learning our safe road crossing routines. To link to their phonic sound of the day, **t**, we shared stories about Timothy's telescope and Eddy's lost teddy as well as playing with tennis balls on the parachute and spotting things beginning with a **t** as we walked along.



All of 2GC enjoyed some Out and About time on the Patch on Wednesday afternoon. The children had fun hunting for bugs (we have a lot of crane flies at school at the moment!), cooking up some interesting recipes in the mud kitchen and playing some phonics games linked to their focus sounds **ear** and **oor**.



A huge 'Thank You' to parents from 2GC that managed to drop off wellies to school on Wednesday morning which made our session possible in the afternoon (a very last minute request due to the forecast!). We only have a few spare pairs of boots in school so it would be brilliant if you could please send your child with wellies and a waterproof coat each Wednesday up until half term (for their 2GC Patch session in the afternoon). Thank you, Mrs Johnson.



## 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	Fish Fingers and Chips	Chicken Wrap with 50/50 Rice
Vegetable Tagine with Rice	Vegan Mexican Roll with Wedges	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spanish Omelette with Chips	Vegetable & Bean Wrap with 50/50 Rice
Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peas Carrot & Beetroot Slaw	Carrots Green Beans	Baked Beans Peas	Summer Roasted Vegetables
Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Iced Sponge Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Spanish Cookie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Apple Sponge & Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

### Breakfast Club

If your child is eating breakfast, please ensure they are in before 8.15am

### Absence Procedure

Please remember to follow the correct procedure when advising the school of a child's absence. Please phone on the first day that your child is absent then please write or email, on their return, the reason for their absence. By doing this the absence will be marked as authorised, which will avoid letters from our attendance officer and possible involvement from the local authority.

### Smoking on Site

Please can you remember that as soon as you enter the school site (the green gates), then you cannot smoke. We are a non-smoking site. Please can you respect other parents and more importantly the children. Thank you.

### Positive Quote

"Kindness is making someone smile if only for a minute. "

**Whole school attendance 96.49%.**

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

**This week 1KS & 2GC both achieved 100% attendance! Well done.**

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



## Dates for Your Diary

In current times we are doing a lot less with you than normal. Here are dates for your diary.

<b>Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October, 2020</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>Monday 21st December, 2020</b>	Last Day of Autumn Term
<b>Tuesday 22nd December, 2020</b>	INSET day (3) for staff
<b>Monday 4th January, 2021</b>	INSET day (4) for staff
<b>Tuesday 5th January, 2021</b>	Children start back for Spring Term 1
<b>Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February, 2021</b>	February Half Term
<b>Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April, 2020</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June, 2020</b>	Summer Half Term Holiday
<b>Monday 21st June, 2021</b>	INSET day (5) for Staff
<b>Friday 23rd July, 2021</b>	Last day of the Summer Term

## CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASSES!





*RYDE | MONDAYS  
COWES | WEDNESDAYS  
NEWPORT | THURSDAYS  
VENTNOR | FRIDAYS  
(CLASS TIMES VARY)*

BEGINNERS,  
IMPROVERS &  
ADVANCED CLASSES.  
AGES 4+

*"AN ENERGETIC, EXPRESSIVE,  
UNIQUE STYLE, EXPLORING  
TECHNIQUE AND CREATIVITY."  
HAVING THE FREEDOM TO MOVE!*

QUALIFIED AND INSURED TEACHER  
DBS CHECKED  
FIRST AID TRAINED  
COVID-19 PREVENTION COURSE  
COMPLETED - (CLASSES ARE COVID-19  
SAFE WITH ESSENTIAL MEASURES PUT  
IN PLACE)

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**OPEN MORNING (VIRTUAL/ONLINE)**  
 SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 10AM TO 12.00 NOON

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER:  
[www.rydeschool.org.uk](http://www.rydeschool.org.uk)



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Would you like to improve your Maths and/or English skills? Maybe you are struggling to help your children with their homework. Maybe you need a Level 2 to get accepted on a training course or to further your career prospects. Whatever your reason, Adult Community Learning are here to help you succeed in whatever it is you chose to do in work and life, We are offering City & Guilds qualifications in English and Maths up to a Level 2, fully funded in classroom settings or virtually from the comfort of your own home. If you are interested please call 8172850 or e-mail [acl@iow.gov.uk](mailto:acl@iow.gov.uk) for more details and to book. Due to COVID, places are limited and enrolments can only be accepted up until Friday October 16th, so don't put it off contact us today.

# ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING PROGRAMME

## AUTUMN 2020

ALL COURSES ARE FOR ADULTS 19+

All workshops and courses take place at the Community Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde, PO33 1QS unless otherwise stated. To book a place on any of our courses, please contact the Isle of Wight Council's Adult Community Learning team on 01983 817280, [acl@iow.gov.uk](mailto:acl@iow.gov.uk) or visit [www.iwcommunitylearning.ac.uk](http://www.iwcommunitylearning.ac.uk)

<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">FUNCTIONAL SKILLS MATHS &amp; ENGLISH</div> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">All courses are fully funded and offered at no cost.</p> <div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">Maths course</div> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Tuesday 8 September, 10.45am - 11.45am or 1.45pm - 2.45pm. <b>Community Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Tuesday 8 September, 10.45am - 11.45am or 1.45pm - 2.45pm. <b>Downside Community Centre, Furrilongs, Newport</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Wednesday 9 September, 9.30am - 10.30am or 12.30pm - 1.30pm. <b>Community Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Thursday 10 September, 10.45am - 11.45am or 1.45pm - 2.45pm. <b>West Wight Sports Centre, Freshwater</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Thursday 10 September, 6pm - 8pm. <b>Community Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Friday 11 September, 12.30pm - 2.30pm <b>Distance/Online Learning</b></p> <div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">English course</div> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Tuesday 8 September, 9.30am - 10.30am or 12.30pm - 1.30pm. <b>Community Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Tuesday 8 September, 9.30am - 10.30am or 12.30pm - 1.30pm. <b>Downside Community Centre, Furrilongs, Newport</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Wednesday 9 September, 10.45am - 11.45am or 1.45pm - 2.45pm. <b>Community Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Thursday 10 September, 9.30am - 10.30am or 12.30pm - 1.30pm. <b>West Wight Sports Centre, Freshwater</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Thursday 10 September, 6pm - 8pm. <b>Community Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Friday 11 September, 9.15am - 11.15am. <b>Distance/Online Learning</b></p>	<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">ICT</div> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">Computer for beginners - fully funded (6 weeks)</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Tuesday 3 November to 8 December, 9.30am - 12.30pm</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">ECDL Spreadsheets, Level 1/2 - fully funded (6 weeks)</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Tuesday 8 September to 13 October, 1pm - 4pm</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">ECDL Word Processing, Level 1/2 - fully funded (6 weeks)</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Thursday 5 November - 10 December, 9.30am - 12.30pm.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">Essential Digital Skills For Life, Level E3/1 - fully funded (10 weeks)</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Monday 21 September to 7 December, 1pm - 4pm</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">Essential Digital Skills For Work, Level E3/1 - fully funded (10 weeks)</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Monday 21 September to 7 December, 5.30pm - 8.30pm</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">Absolute Beginners Computers (workshop)</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Thursday 10 September, 9.30am - 12.30pm £6</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">Introduction to Word Processing (workshop)</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Monday 14 September, 9.30am - 12.30pm £6</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">Introduction to the Internet Part 1 (workshop)</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Monday 14 September, 1.30pm - 3.30pm £6</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">Introduction to the Internet Part 2 (workshop)</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Tuesday 15 September, 9.30am - 11.30pm £6</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">Introduction to Emails (workshop)</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Thursday 17 September, 9.30am - 11.30pm £6</p>	<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOPS</div> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: #e91e63;">All courses are fully funded and offered at no cost.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Writing a Skills Based CV Thursday 1 October, 10am - 1pm</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Remote Working, Balancing your Work and Home Life Friday 16 October, 10am - 1pm</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Changing Jobs in our Changing World Thursday 5 November, 10am - 3pm</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Managing your Health and Work Positively Friday 27 November, 10am - 3pm</p> <div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">ART</div> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Relax, Enjoy and Explore through an Art Journal (6 weeks) Monday 2 November to 7 December, 6pm - 8pm. £70/£25 concession.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Understanding Colour, Tone and Texture (workshop) Monday 2 November, 10am - 3pm. £30/18 concession.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Draw Figures from Photographs (workshop) Tuesday 3 November, 10am - 3pm. £30/18 concession.</p>	<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">CRAFT</div> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Make a Monet Mosaic (5 weeks) Thursday 5 November to 3 December, 1.30pm - 4pm. £70/£25 concession.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Learn to Patchwork (workshop) Friday 6 November, 10am - 3pm. £30/10 concession.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Fabulous Felted Jewellery Creations (4 weeks) Saturday 7 to 28 November, 10am - 1pm. £70/25 concession.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Beautiful and Unique Rag Rug (workshop) Wednesday 11 November, 10am - 3pm. £30/10 concession.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Techniques to Upcycle Old Furniture (3 weeks) Friday 13 to 27 November, 10am - 2pm. £70/25 concession.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Sewing Skills - Alterations and Repairs (2 weeks) Tuesday 17 to 24 November, 10am - 3pm. £60/20 concession.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Japanese/Artisan Style Apron (workshop) Friday 20 November, 10am - 3pm. £30/10 concession.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Introduction to Hand Stamped Jewellery (workshop) Sunday 22 November, 10am - 4pm. £45/20 concession.</p>	<div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP DAY</div> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; color: #e91e63;">£6 each session or two for £10 (morning and afternoon session for same person)</p> <div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">Sunday 6 December 10am - 12pm</div> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Silk Painted Cards</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Needle Felted Christmas Tree Brooch/Decoration</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Lino Printed Gift Tags</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Jute Filled Decorations</p> <div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">1pm - 3pm</div> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Robin Name Place Settings</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Indoor Paper Wreath Door/Window Decoration</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Needle Felted Fairy</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Woven Christmas Star</p>
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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Fabric Face Covering (workshop)  
Tuesday 29 September, 10am - 1pm  
£10/£6 concession

Healthy Winter Teas (workshop)  
Monday 30 November, 10am - 3pm  
£30/10 concession

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Following Covid19, procedures are displayed at each venue. These have been put in place to minimise the risk of spreading the virus.