



Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to say a heart felt thank you to everyone in our community, parents, staff and children for all their support this half term. The staff at QPA have been phenomenal in adapting to all the changes that have been put in place and have made sure that the children have been fully supported throughout, enabling the transition back to school to be as easy for them as possible.

As an SLT, we are constantly monitoring and reviewing the systems and procedures we have in place to ensure that these are the best for the children. As a result of this, we are making a couple of small changes for after half term, which are outlined below.

Drop off and collection

The 10 minute time slots are working – thank you to everyone for not coming too early and supporting people in being able to socially distance accordingly.

We have made some changes to drop off and collection times for after half term. The whole year group will now come in and leave at the same time, but to and from slightly different places – please see the 2 tables below. We have also adjusted the PE days for classes due to the changes we are making to timetables – these are outlined below. Please continue to send children in to school in PE kits on their PE days.

Drop off arrangements:

Drop Off	Front of School	Charminster Road entrance
	Classes	Classes
8:40	3R – Along front of school 3KW – Main entrance 3G – Gate leading to playground by car park	3HW
8:50	4C – Along front of school 4WH – Main entrance 4J – Gate leading to playground by car park	4S
9:00	5B – Main entrance 5N – Gate leading to playground by car park	5R 5M
9:10	6L – Main entrance 6S – Gate leading to playground by car park	6P 6D

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Collection Arrangements:

Pick Up	Collection from own classrooms	Collection either from: The playground next to MUGA or MUGA – children inside and parents on outside
	Classes	Classes
2:50	3G 3R 3HW	3KW – MUGA
3:00	4C 4WH 4S – parents to wait in quiet area 4J – parents to wait outside classroom	
3:10		5N – inside MUGA 5R – perimeter of MUGA 5B – playground behind cones 5M – playground behind cones
3:20		6P – inside MUGA 6S – perimeter of MUGA 6D – playground behind cones 6L – p playground behind cones

PE day timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3KW	6P	5M	6L	3R
3HW	6S	5B	5N	3G
6D	4J	4S	4C	5R
				4WH

Classroom Environment

All measures we have in place to limit the risk of infection will remain after half term. One important aspect is adequate ventilation in classrooms. We will be keeping the windows open to enable this, so please make sure your child has appropriate layers of clothes under their school uniform so they are not getting cold during the school day.

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Setting

Since the children returned, we have taught them in whole classes, rather than setting them for Maths and Reading, as we usually would have done. We wanted children to settle back into school, get used to the new routines, styles of lessons and reduce movement and contact with multiple children.

We have reviewed this and have made the decision to set for Maths and Reading after half term, across 2 classes, not all 4. We have looked at how to do this during the school day in a safe way and have a risk assessed plan in place to do so. If we are notified that a child has tested positive, as per the current arrangements, the whole class would isolate. Due to the fact that the children are only in Maths and Reading groups for 1 lesson a day and remain in their classes at break and lunch, we would not need to isolate all the sets that child was in, but would identify the children sat next to and in front of the child and they would isolate. As per current arrangements, Public Health are fully involved in our decision making and all actions would be risk assessed on a case by case basis.

Communication

The teachers are looking forward to discussing your child with you at the upcoming parents evening. In the meantime, please continue to email or phone us if you have any queries or want information passed to the class teacher.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you that as staff, we have also found things difficult and frustrating at times and are all having to learn to work and support children in a very different way. All staff at QPA are dedicated and committed to having the best possible outcomes for your children and every decision made is in the best interests of the pupils or comes from legislation or guidance that we must follow. I know I am talking about a small minority – we will not tolerate rude, aggressive, threatening behaviour or bad language towards staff members, under any circumstances. I have directed all staff not to accept these behaviours and I will not hesitate to take further action. I hope this will not be necessary as we have always worked successfully together as a community.

I hope you all manage to spend some quality time with your children over half term and get some time to relax. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 3rd November. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email – qpa@queenspark-academy.co.uk

Kind regards,

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