



Dear Parent / Carer,

5th November 2020

I just wanted to update you following the new national restrictions which have come into force today. As you know, we remain open and are continuously working to ensure the safety of all children and adults on site.

Face Coverings

With this in mind, from tomorrow, when moving around the school, in communal areas, on the playground and on the gates, adults will be required to wear a mask or visor.

I confirm that at present the guidance for your children wearing masks remains unchanged – it is not necessary for children in Year 6 or below to wear face coverings, however if children choose to, this is fine.

Collection and Drop off

To ensure we are doing the best to support each other and keep everyone safe, please follow this guidance:

- Please do not come to the school site until your child's time slot as this causes additional congestion outside.
- Only 1 adult per family to come to site to collect or drop off to help avoid unnecessary congestion.
- Please wear a face mask / face covering on drop off and collection.
- Please do not engage in long conversations with other families outside the school gates – ensure your family is socially distanced from other people when waiting outside.
- Please remember that our time slots are 10 minutes long and that the busiest time is the start – if you have a drop off time of 8.40, it is much quieter if you drop off nearer 8.50. The same applies to collection – if you collect at 3.00, it is less busy nearer 3.10.
- If you need to have a conversation with a member of staff on the gate, please ensure you are maintaining social distancing and wearing a face covering.

We do understand that some families have found the changes to the end of the day challenging if they have more than one child at QPA and have long gaps between their collection times. This is also adding to the number of people outside school. We are not able to release any children early from class as they will end up missing learning time, however, from tomorrow, we will be able to support affected families by keeping any younger siblings in Year 3 and 4 in their classroom until the older child's collection time. (Any children remaining at school in 3KW will be collected from the classroom, as before half term, rather than the MUGA. The rest of 3KW will be dismissed from the MUGA.)

For example, if you have children in Year 3 and 6, we will keep the Year 3 child in the class until 3.20. We would ask that you collect the youngest sibling first and then go to the playground to collect the older sibling. We will provide some nice activities for the younger children to do in class whilst they are waiting.

If you would like to use this option for your children, please email the school and we can ensure the teachers know the arrangements.

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Year 5 Collection

Year 5 collection time is where we have identified there are more parents waiting. We will therefore adjust the times for the Year 5 collection so 5N and 5M come out at 3.10 and 5R and 5B at 3.15. Parents of children in 5B and 5R therefore do not need to enter the school site until 3.15. If you are early, please wait in your cars or away from the school site until your time slot, so we are not creating more congestion at the school site.

Setting Update

We made the decision to start setting across 2 classes in maths and reading before half term and the lockdown announcements. We were waiting for further guidance from the Department for Education regarding school arrangements, but what came out in the guidance that was published for schools yesterday, did not have any changes to previous guidance in this area. As a school staff, we have made the decision to continue setting for reading comprehension but from tomorrow, maths will be taught as a whole class. We will review this again at the end of the lockdown period.

Parents Evening

Teachers are very much looking forward to seeing many of you next week in the Parent's Consultation meetings. You should by now have received a Microsoft Teams meeting from an email address for your child's class. This should correspond to the time you selected when you signed up. If you haven't received this yet, please check your email junk folder and if you still can't find it, email us with your child's information and we will resend.

Christmas

Unfortunately, we will be unable to do our usual Christmas performance at BSG this year, although staff are not quite as upset, as we do not have to embarrass ourselves in the staff performance! 😊 However, we are working hard to arrange an event for each class, which we will perform over Microsoft Teams to parents in that class. Watch this space for times and dates to be announced.

As always, and particularly through this difficult time, I thank you for your continued support. These are unprecedented times for all of us, but I can assure you that the Staff at QPA are working incredibly hard to ensure not only that the children are getting the best education we can offer them, but are kept as safe as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or ring the office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Simmons

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