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Queensgate Foundation Primary School

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Term

It has been brilliant to welcome the children back this week and it has been great to meet all our new reception children with Benji, our school dog.

I would like to encourage you to get involved with school life as much as possible. There are several ways to do this. From time to time a position becomes vacant on our Governing Board. The Governors have three key roles: to set the strategic direction of the school, to hold the school leaders to account and to be a critical friend. It is a highly rewarding experience.

We also have a Parent, teacher and friend's association (PTFA). The PTFA holds events to raise money for the school to pay for items that the school budget doesn't cover, for example, the new pond at the front of the school, the sensory area and resources like waterproofs enabling the children to be outside in all weathers. Next **Wednesday 14**th **September** the PTFA are holding a coffee morning in the dining room. This is **9:10** for about an hour. Come along and meet the PTFA and other parents and see how you can get involved.

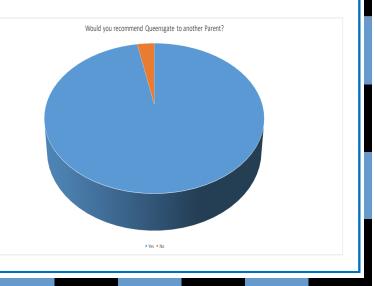
We also encourage parents to come into school as volunteers to help hear children read. If you have any spare time and would like to do this please pop into the front office or catch me on the Year 5/6 door in the mornings. Pease note all volunteers in school will need to be DBS checked.

The most important thing you can do for Queensgate is support the learning of your own child by ensuring they read daily, that you chat about their school days and you play with them. Please also support with homework especially helping them to learn their times tables up to 12 times 12.

Parent Questionnaire Feedback

At the end of the summer term we asked you to fill in a parental questionnaire and return the reports

with your comments. Thank you so much for doing this. The questionnaires were very positive, **97%** of parents (who filled in the questionnaire) said that they would recommend Queensgate to another parent. **97%** said their child was happy at Queensgate. **96%** felt that their children were safe at the school. **96%** said that there is a good range of subjects available to their child at school and **95%** said that their child did well at school.



Over the Summer Holiday...

Our Site Manager, Mr Salter, has been very busy over the summer holiday. You may have noticed that we have had some new markings on the small playground at the back. This can be used at playtimes, but also within lessons to practise counting on and back, telling the time, phonics, team work, geography - direction and position. Please use them with your children when waiting for the doors to open. The large playground at the front of the school also has a new trim trail around the outside edge of it.

In addition to the playground markings we have had some new play equipment put in. Ask your children about this.

At the front of the school you may have noticed a new shed by the playground. This is housing all the equipment for the children to use on the playground, making sure their playtimes are both fun and active. Mr Salter has also added a fence around the sheds on the playing field.

Staff Emails

On the school website <u>www.queensgateprimary.co.uk</u> you can find the teacher's email addresses. These will only be checked once a day, so for anything that you require an urgent response to then please call the main office on (01983) 292872.

Flu immunisations

Please see details from the NHS on pages 14 & 15 of this newsletter about this programme.





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
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	BBQ Chicken Burger, Corn and Pineapple Relish with Potato Wedges	Tender Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Burrito	Macaroni Cheese	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice	Quorn Nuggets and Chips
Carrot Sticks and Cucumber Sticks	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Chocolate Ice Cream	Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Banana Cake	Chocolate and Raspberry Swirl Cake

Please note that all meals are subject to change due to availability of produce.

Out & About

We had a super first week back of Out and About! Thank you to all the parents who sent their children in play clothes, wellies and coats. As weather is so changeable at the moment, please make sure your child has a waterproof coat with them for Out and About. All children enjoyed their sessions and represented the school well offsite.

On Tuesday morning the **2EC** Out and About team visited the Dragon Tree in the woods at Brighstone. As part of their Science topic on habitats, the children designed and made their own clay creatures. They had to decide what kind of habitat it would live in, what it needed to survive,

including what it would eat, where it would sleep and who might like to eat it! The children came up with some brilliant ideas and demonstrated great vocabulary when describing their creature and it's



features. They enjoyed crossing the stream using the stepping stones and even having a go on the tyre swing!



The children in Year 3 will be learning about the Stone Age next half term. In readiness, this week's **3PT** Out and About group hiked up to the Longstone at Mottistone on Tuesday afternoon. The children went to visit the 6,000 year old, Neolithic stones that once stood as the entrance to a burial ground. We discussed how people would have lived and what the farmland would have looked like in Neolithic times, when people had just begun to settle and farm. They all showed great determination as we walked against the clock to get up to



the standing stone (and fallen stone), then back down to the minibus in time.





Our Year 4 children have begun learning about land use and farming in their Geography lessons, looking into produce grown on the Isle of Wight and it's distribution. The Out and About children from 4BM visited the Garlic Farm on Wednesday morning and took the 'long walk' around the farm. They used maps and compasses to follow the trail. We talked about crops that grow well on the Island and discussed the seasons for planting, growing and harvesting garlic. The children enjoyed seeing the sweetcorn growing in adjacent fields. They had fun in the woodlands too, working together to build dens, climb trees and have a go at frisbee golf!







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Out and About next week...

On Wednesday afternoon the **1CE** Out and About group visited Seaview beach and Quay Rocks. They have just begun their topic, All About Me, so I thought they might like to learn a bit about me (Mrs Johnson) by visiting one of my favourite, local beaches. The children gathered slipper limpet shells (hunting for ones with holes in) and practised threading them onto wool to make their own necklaces. It was lovely to see the children so content together; exploring the beach, gathering shells and drawing in the sand.



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child is wearing old play clothes (nothing new or special), waterproof coat (waterproof trousers too if they have some) and wellies/walking boots/old trainers in a named bag.

Tuesday 13th September am - 2EC Brighstone Forest

Tylan, Henley, Oliver, Ralph, Ayrton, Amber-Rose, Peyton, Kamahlie, Jack, George, Ebony, Danielle and Darcie.

Tuesday 13th September pm - 3PT Longstone at Mottistone Edward, Paloma, Maisie, Jack, Logan R, Harvey, Jesse, Fletcher, Charley, Oscar S, Tula, River, Oscar H, Rhys and Elliot.

Wednesday 14th September am - 4BM Briddlesford Farm

Children <u>must</u> wear <u>wellies</u> on the farm. Please let school know if your child does not have any and would like to borrow some.

Connor, Eliana, Matthew, Abigail, Florence, Emily H, Tyson, Elsie-May, Sophia-Leigh. Jack, Leon, Archie, Léon and Alfie.

Wednesday 14th September pm - 1CE Beach

Lacey, Forest, Lorenzo, Lexi, Seb, Pippa, Brody, Eli, Charlie, Paisley, Ella-Rose, Clara, AJ, Kendall and Henry.

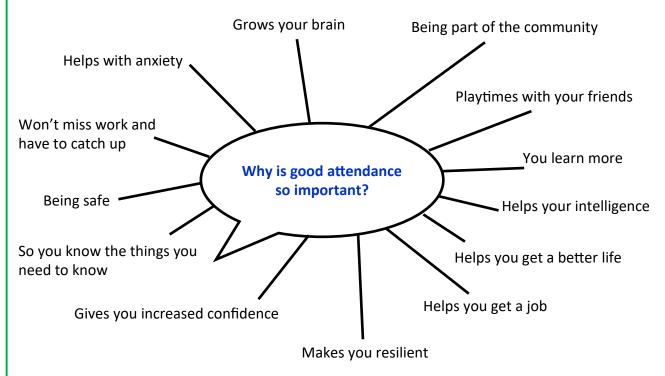
<u>Attendance</u>

It is hugely important that the children come to school everyday as the lessons build on from each other. If your child is not well please telephone the school office and let them know the reason for the absence, this should be followed up with an email or note to <u>office@queensgateprimary.co.uk</u>



If you would like leave of absence for an alternative reason to illness you must complete a leave of absence form (at least 14 days in advance of absence), these can be found in the school foyer.

Remember that good attendance will help your child to succeed at school. We asked the children in assembly 'Why is good attendance so important?' This is what they came up with:



We couldn't agree more with the children!

Persistent Absence - is described by the Government as attendance below **90%**. This equates to 19 days or more of absence a year or **100+ lessons missed**. If a child's attendance drops below 90% this could lead to them becoming a safeguarding concern. This could also result in the authority taking legal action against parents, resulting in a fine or court appearance.

Whole School Attendance this week is 98%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2EC (100%) KS2 Classes with best attendance this week are 3PT and 3AH (100%)

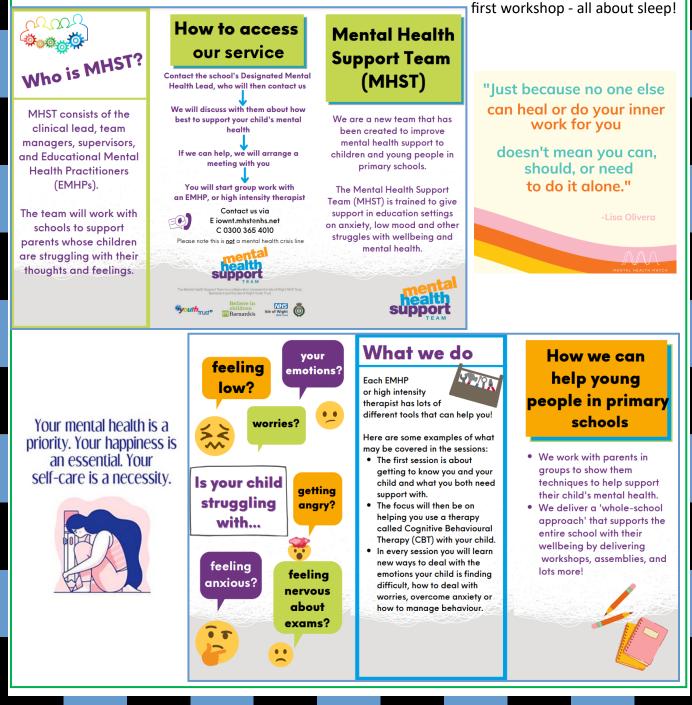
Mental Health Support

Hello, I'm Bea an Educational Mental Health Practitioner working within Queensgate Primary. I am a part of the Mental Health Support Team that visits Primary and Secondary schools on the Isle of Wight offering support for young people with mild to moderate mental health struggles. The team is a collaboration of the NHS, Barnardo's, and the Youth Trust working together to deliver a Tier 1 Childrens Mental Health Service. The support we offer varies from Low Intensity CBT parent led group work, assemblies, and workshops to support parents, young people, and staff.



Young people's mental health has been a passion of mine since I started working in education 15 years ago. If you have any queries,

please speak to the schools Designated Mental Health Lead (Mr Chubb / Mrs Rowsell). I look forward to supporting the Queensgate Community. Please see poster on the next page for our





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Clubs:

We are pleased to announce that after school clubs will be starting week beginning Monday 19th September. Please see below which Clubs are available for each Year Groups.

On Tuesday 13th September, the club choices will go live on Clubbly at 6pm. You will need to be registered on Clubbly.co.uk to sign your child up. Clubs will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Please only put your child into one Club to begin with and a message will be sent out to let you know which Clubs have spaces after.

Club Year Max Venue Time Staff member in charge Day Art & Craft **Miss Stone** Y1-3 12 1KS 3 – 4pm Monday ICT KS2 3PT Mrs Tilling Y3-6 15 3-4pm Monday KS2 Boys Football 20 Mr Gwilliam Y4-6 Field 3 – 4pm Monday Netball Mrs Piner & Y3-6 20 Playground 3 – 4pm Tuesday Miss Mawudoku Choir Mrs Webb Y3-6 28 Music Room 3 – 4pm Tuesday Y6 Homework Miss Radcliffe Y6 20 6I R 3 – 4pm Tuesday Times Tables 30 4MC **Miss Croutear** Y3-4 3 – 4pm Tuesday **Girls Football** Y4 – 6 20 **Miss Young** Field/Playground 3 – 4pm Wednesday 12 3 – Cookery Mrs Bradbury Y1 - 6 Cookery Room Thursday 4.15pm Badminton **Miss Radcliffe** Y4-6 20 Hall 3 – 4pm Thursday Change for Life Mrs Tilling & Mrs Jacobs INVITE 12 Hall 3 – 4pm Friday ONLY

Cookery Club will be at a cost of £2 per session and will need to be paid through Sco-pay. Thank you

A huge thank you to all the Queensgate staff for offering to run these clubs

Someone Else Picking Up Your Children?

We have sent a text message this week reminding you about protocols for picking up. If Mum, Dad, carers or pre-arranged child minders are not collecting then you MUST let the teacher know in the morning or call through to the office if it is to be someone else collecting, including grandparents. This is for safeguarding reasons. Please do not be upset if a teacher refuses to release a child - they are just following policy and checking whether it is safe to release the child. Thank you for support and understanding in this matter.

Age Restrictions - TV shows, Films and Games

We have had various reports of children watching Stranger Things. Please note that this is certified as suitable for 15 years and over. Also some children are talking about their TikTok accounts - which is age rated as 13. Please be mindful that age restrictions are there for very good reasons. We will be publishing some links to support parents with this in future newsletters.

Tesco Community Grant confirmation

We received this bit of news over the summer:

TESCO Community Grants

Organisation name: Queensgate Foundation Primary School Project title: Queensgate Community Sensory Garden

Congratulations!

We are delighted to let you know that following the Tesco Community Grant vote in your local Tesco stores, your project came Third and has been chosen by Tesco Customers to receive a grant award of **£500.00**!

Voting was held at Tesco stores between Friday 1st April and Thursday 30th June and proved to be very successful with millions of votes being cast by Tesco Customers across England, Scotland and Wales.

Congratulations from us all again and we look forward to working with you and seeing your completed project and the difference that it will make in your local community.

Kind Regards,

Tesco Community Grants Team - Groundwork UK

And finally...

We wish to offer our condolences to the Royal family for the sad loss of Queen Elizabeth II. I felt that it was not the right time to hold an unplanned assembly today, so will be talking to the children on Monday and Tuesday about this event and the new Prime Minister. However, they had time to talk about it in their classes. I leave you with one of my favourite quotes from her majesty:

"I know of no single formula for success, but over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration to work together."



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Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

Diary Dates for Autumn Term

Tuesday 13th September 2022 - 3.15 Boys Danone Cup @ Queensgate Primary Wednesday 14th September 2022 - 9.10 PTFA Coffee morning in dining room Wednesday 14th September 2022 - Year 3 / 4 boys football league Vs Cowes @ Queensgate Primary Monday 19th September 2022 - 1.30 PTFA AGM meeting in dining room Tuesday 20th September 2022 - Year 5 boys football league Vs Cowes @ Queensgate Primary Wednesday 21st September 2022 - National Day of Peace Thursday 22nd September 2022 - 2.45pm Year 3 / 4 football league vs Carisbrooke @ Carisbrooke Primary Monday 26th September 2022 - 9.15 - 3pm NHS nurses in for vision & hearing checks Tuesday 27th September 2022 - 9.15 - 3pm NHS nurses in for vision & hearing checks Tuesday 27th September 2022 - Year 6 CPR training Tuesday 27th September 2022 - 3pm Year 6 boys cup vs Cowes @ Queensgate Primary Wednesday 28th September 2022 - 3pm Year 6 girls cup Vs Carisbrooke @ Queensgate primary Wednesday 5th October 2022 - Year 6 @ UKSA sailing day Thursday 6th October 2022 - Year 6 @ UKSA sailing day Thursday 6th October 2022 - Year 6 Tag Rugby tournament at Queensgate Primary Friday 7th October 2022 - World Smile Day (Mental Health Awareness - act of kindness) Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October - Half term holiday Monday 31st October 2022 - Return to school for Autumn 2 Term Wednesday 2nd November 2022 - 3.15pm to 4.50pm Parents Evening 1 Thursday 3rd November 2022 - Flu immunisations @ Queensgate Primary Thursday 3rd November 2022 - 3.30pm to 6.50pm Parents Evening 2 Monday 7th November 2022 - JS Photography in to take portrait photos of the children Thursday 15th December 2022 - Christmas jumper and dinner day Friday 16th December 2022 - Last day of term Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023 - Christmas Holidays Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - INSET Day (School staff only) Wednesday 4th January 2023 - Children return to school for Spring 1





EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



We are now open in the East Side Curve. This new community hub is beside the Town Hall in York Avenue. Do pop in to view our new building and meet the staff and volunteers.

Opening Times Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Saturday 9am to 1pm

We look forward to offering our community

- adult and children's books to browse and borrow
- books to request from stock or library service order
- monthly reading group and creative writing group
- weekly Rhyme Time and school holiday Story Time
- bus pass applications, printing and copying
- free wifi and laptop computer access
- help with enquiries, information and onward support

a comfortable space to read newspapers and relax Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)



Improve Your Mental Health Understanding your emotions

Isorropia is a wellbeing organisation designed to empower you to become the best version of yourself



Monday 26th September 11am - 12:30pm



Brading Youth & Community Centre High Street, Brading PO36 0DH

Gain skills to improve your wellbeing and unlock your potential This workshop is open to the public. Attendees must be over the age of 18.

We hope to see you there!

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THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON ISLE OF WIGHT FOUNDATION will be holding

A MARITIME CAREERS FAIR THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2022 11:00 – 16:00 hrs at the Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7QT

Exhibitors will show the breadth of opportunity that is available within the Maritime Industries, Hands-on simulators and demonstrations, RN, RNLI, RIBs and other workboats to explore

BAE Systems, Berthon Boat Company, Brockenhurst College, Carisbrooke Shipping, Cheetah Marine, City College, Southampton, Clyde Marine, Cowes Harbour Commission, Cowes Yacht Haven, Hovertravel, HTP Training, Into the Blue Marketing, Island Divers, Island Ribs, Isle of Wight College, Island Futures, Lallows, Marine Archaeology Trust, Merchant Navy Training Board, MHI Vestas Offshore Wind Blades, Ocean Youth Trust South, Oyster Yachts, Port & Maritime Regiment IoW Troop, Princess Cruises, Red Funnel, Richardsons Yacht Services, RFA, Royal Navy, RNLI, Seasafe, Sunsail, Trinity House, UKSA, Vikong, Warsash Maritime Academy, Wight Shipyard, Ben Wood Photographer.

Our current group of Foundation beneficiaries will be on hand to provide inspiration and information about their personal journey.

> Admission by Registration in advance, or on the day www.rysfoundation.org.uk 01983 292191 Oceans of opportunity on land and sea

Bee Netball comes to SOLENT Netball Club

This autumn **SOLENT** Netball Club are launching Bee Netball, England Netball's fun and nurturing programme for 5 – 9 year olds.

Bee Netball is friendly, high energy and especially designed for children introducing them to the skills of passing, throwing, catching and shooting.

Most importantly, Bee Netball will support every child's personal development on and beyond the court, with a real focus on improving a child's belief in their ability. Bee Netball is played to a unique set of 'Beeliefs'; Bee Proud, Bee Strong, Bee Yourself, Bee Together, Bee Fair, Bee Friendly.

We have a specially trained Bee Netball Leader who will run our sessions. All our Bee Leaders and coaches are DBS checked and have Safeguarding training as well. Before the programme starts each child will receive a welcome pack delivered to their home, including a personalised t-shirt, an official Bee Ball and Bee Book.

Here at **SOLENT** Netball club, autumn term kicks off on 27th September 2022 at Ryde Academy from 5.30pm until 6.30pm

More information about Bee Netball can be found <u>here</u> or to register directly with **SOLENT** Netball Club session.

Chris Grimes 07969504734 Cmg1504@gmail.com Lead Coach





open enrollment



NEW CLASSES - SATURDAYS

Pre Level Dance (3-6 Yrs) Beginner Tap (5-9 Years) Musical Theatre (5-9 Years) Juvenile Ballet (5-7.5 Years)

TIME

0900-0930 Studio 1 0900-0930 Studio 2 0930-1015 Studio 2 1015-1045 Studio 2

FUSION ARTS ACADEMY

Osborne Stable Block Dance Studios, Whippingham Road, East Cowes. PO32





Dear Parent / Guardian,

The School Aged Immunisation Service will shortly be offering the annual nasal flu vaccination in schools. For more information about the flu vaccination please visit the NHS website:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/ 1087835/UKHSA-12388-protecting-your-child-against-flu-2022-2023.pdf

Please find the link below for the online consent form: https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-iow-flu

If this does not open, please copy and paste the link above into your internet browser.

Once you click START you will then be prompted for the Unique School LEA Code which is:

136008

The consent will close 31/10/2022 prior to the school session 03/11/2022. If you submit consent after this time your child will be unable to be given the vaccination in school but will be offered a clinic appointment.

Please complete the online form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine.

Once you have opened the form, there will be the option to have a nasal spray or injection. The injection is <u>only</u> available for children where the nasal spray is not medically suitable or for religious grounds due to porcine gelatine which acts as a stabiliser. Injections will usually be given in a community clinic setting which you will be guided to book into.

If at any time you wish to change your consent, you will be required to inform your child's School and the School Aged Immunisation service before the date of the school flu session.

Please ensure you inform the school and the School Aged Immunisation Service if there are <u>any changes</u> in your child's Asthma i.e. have been experiencing active wheezing in the past 72 hours or those who have increased their use of inhalers in the previous 72 hours of vaccination.

If your child has taken a course of oral steroids in the 14 days before the vaccination date it is important that you let us know.

If you have any questions at all, or if you are unable to complete the online consent form, please contact us on:

Email: <u>snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net</u> Phone: 0300 1235074 For more information visit our website: <u>School Aged Immunisation Service I Solent</u>

With best wishes

School Aged Immunisation Service

Solent NHS Trust Headquarters, Adelaide Health Centre, William Madeod Way, Milbrook, Southampton SO16 4XE Telephone: 023 8060 8900 Fax: 023 8053 8740 Website: www.solent.nhs.uk







FAQ's

Q: What is a LEA code?

A: Local Education Authority code identifies the school

Q: What does long term health condition mean?

A: Examples include:

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Heart condition
- Arthritis / rheumatological conditions
- Epilepsy
- Cancer

Q: What treatment would affect someone's immune system?

A: Conditions or immunosuppressive therapy such as:-

- acute and chronic leukaemia's
- lymphoma
- HIV infection not on highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART)
- cellular immune deficiencies
- high dose corticosteroids.

Q: What does anaphylaxis mean?

A: Severe allergic reaction requiring intensive care admission

Q: What does salicylate therapy mean?

A: Taking medication such as Aspirin

Q: What is antiviral therapy?

A: Antiviral drugs act by killing or preventing the growth of viruses such as Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and Zanamivir (Relenza)

Q: What is an unrepaired craniofacial malformation?

- A: Conditions such as:
 - Cleft palate
 - Cleft lip
 - Craniosynostosis

Q: What additional needs might affect their vaccination?

A:

- · Additional learning needs
- Social communication difficulties
- Hearing difficulties

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