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Our Plan to Re-open Queensgate

Dear Parents and Carers,

Surveys

Thank you for completing our survey last week. The information has been really useful, enabling us to put a plan together.

In Reception ten people said they would like a place and 34 people said no to returning to school.

In Year 1 16 people said they would like a place and 28 people said no to returning to school.

In Year 6 21 people said they would like a place and 13 people said no to returning to school.

We found your comments very useful and trust that we have answered your questions as best as we can. Here are just a few to give a flavour of what we received:

I would like to send my child back to school but will be interested in further guidance and advice from both the government and Queensgate before making a final decision.

We believe far too much time will be spent on keeping social distance measures in place and this will impact on the amount of teaching the children will receive. It's unfair for you as teachers to have to do so and outweighs the benefit of the children being there. Stay safe and stay well.

I'm 50/50 and not sure what decision I want to do as I think his education would benefit from sending him but I'm really worried about his health.

We would like to send our child back as she would like to come back, however we have the obvious concern with regards to health, safety and social distancing. We know that at Queensgate you will take all necessary steps, which is reassuring.

I can't wait for all of the children to return to their proper learning as I am no teacher and their home should not be their school, however this decision from the Government has been rushed. Thank you for requesting our thoughts and your ongoing hard work to ensure we have the tools to help our children in these troubled times.

There is another survey this week which asks for your child's name and class so that we can plan precisely for their needs. Please fill it in so we know who is returning. As I said last week, this is your choice. If you decide it is the right time for your child to return to school they will need to attend regularly as the lessons will build on each other. <https://surveyhero.com/c/75ea883a>

The Plan

I am led to believe that the next Government announcement about schools re-opening is on Thursday 28th May which is during the half term break. I will text you on the Friday of half term if we are definitely opening. In case we are, I have a plan. Here it is.

Monday 1st June – school will be open as usual for Key Worker children. Staff will be in school preparing for further opening.

Tuesday 2nd June – school will be open for Key Worker children and Year 6.

Wednesday 3rd June – School will be open for Key Worker children, Year 6 and Year 1.

Thursday 4th June – School will be open for Key Worker children, Year 6, Year 1 and Reception. They will then be able to attend every day.

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Classes

Each class will be divided into two groups that will have 15 children or less. Both groups will be planned for by the class teacher so the same work can be delivered in each one.

Class	Teachers
6LR A	Miss Radcliffe
6LR B	Mrs Jones
6TS A	Miss Saddington
6TS B	Mrs Kingsbury
1CE A	Mrs Edmonds
1CE B	Mrs Tilling
1KS A	Miss Stone
1KS B	Mrs Cade
RAS	Miss Saunders and Mrs Best
RSJ	Miss Jenkins and Mrs Gobby

Drop Off and Pick Up Times

I have decided to stagger drop off times so that there are not too many people on site altogether. Please note we will be finishing after lunch on a Friday to ensure that the teachers get their planning time and the school will have an extra deep clean.

Please can everyone come through the side green gate (by Seashells) and drop off your children at their usual classrooms. (Year 6 can come on their own) Reception parents please walk through the Reception play area at the front of the new building and out through the carpark. Year 1 and 6 parents please walk around the back of the building and through the carpark. This will be a one way system. Please pick up by following the same one way system. It will be up to you to socially distance yourselves during these times.

Monday - Thursday

Year Group	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
6	8.40	3.00
1	8.55	2.45
R	9.10	2.30
Key Worker Children	9.00	3.00

Friday

Year Group	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
6	8.40	1.00
1	8.55	12.45
R	9.10	12.30
Key Worker Children	9.00	3.00

Lunch Times

Lunch times will also be staggered. We are offering packed lunches only. These will be eaten on the field if the weather is fine and back in the classroom if it is wet. This is because I feel it will be too busy in the dining room to stay apart. Here is the revised menu (on the next page). If you have not requested a school lunch, please ensure your child has a packed lunch from home.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Sausage Roll	Cheese and Tomato Whirl	Vegetable Pasty	Fishfinger filled Baguette
Filled Baguette				
Carrot and Cucumber Sticks				
Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water	Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water	Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water	Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water	Cooks Choice of Cake or Biscuit Piece of Fruit Milk or Water

Home Learners

Children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will continue to receive home learning packs. We will also continue to give Reception children some home learning ideas. Years 1 and 6 will no-longer have home learning packs because every adult from those teams is working in school. However, there are plenty of online resources to help which can be found on our website <https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/children/additional-learning-resources>.

In addition <https://www.thenational.academy/> is a really clear learning tool which provides videos to watch about the learning with online activities to follow. You could also try <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>.

Protective Measures

Our cleaning team have worked every day since lock down doing a brilliant job. They will continue to thoroughly clean every day, but will also do a full deep clean on a Friday afternoon.

We are lucky with our new building as each classroom has a sink, hot water and soap. We have added anti-bacterial gel into each classroom and office. There is also some in the reception area.

Children will wash their hands as they come into school and each time they transition from outside to inside. They will wash their hands before they come home to you too.

Each class will have disinfectant spray too and any equipment used will be washed daily.

Packs of essential equipment will be given to each child which they keep for their exclusive use.

The water fountains will be out of use so please ensure you send your child in with a bottle of water. Some of you asked about whether the staff would be wearing masks or visors. We have visors for the staff. It is their choice if they choose to wear one.

The children will be taught what 2 metres looks like. Our Key worker children have their own strategies for remembering, for example, 14 slats of wood in the dining room or the width of 4 floor tiles. Children do forget to social distance and therefore we cannot guarantee to you that they will all remain 2 metres apart all of the time. However, we will try our hardest to enforce this.

The Curriculum

The children will have proper lessons based around reading, writing and maths. They will also cover other areas of the curriculum as they normally would. The teachers will let you know about PE days.

School Uniform

Over the last ten weeks the children in school have not worn school uniform. When we are open on Tuesday 2nd June (or when the Government tell us) I would like the children to come back in school uniform including the Key Worker children. They need to know that we are back to work. Please provide them with a hat and their own water bottle. Please make sure they have sun cream lotion on before they come to school. Quite a lot of their learning will be done outside. If they are having PE I am very happy for the children to come to school in their Queensgate PE kit to save changing.

Behaviour

Just a reminder that we expect all children to follow the Queensgate Code. You will find a copy at the back of this newsletter. Please go through this with your child before they return to school.

First Aid for children to try at home from the Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/first-aid-and-kindness>

Online Safety

During these times where children are online for more time it is important to revisit online safety. Think U Know is a very good website for this and they have released activities (age specific) which take 15 minutes and are worth a try. The links to them are below:

5-7 yr olds https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/5-7s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=e9ea1fa21d-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_19_05_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-e9ea1fa21d-64887385

8-10 yr olds https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/8-10s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=e9ea1fa21d-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_19_05_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-e9ea1fa21d-64887385

11-13 yr olds https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/11-13s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=e9ea1fa21d-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_19_05_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-e9ea1fa21d-64887385

Kisten and Erin Update

Kirsten has now raised £2,129! Thank you to all of you that have donated. Well done Kirsten and Erin.

Positive Quote

Individually we are a drop - together we are an ocean!

Stay Safe

Best wishes



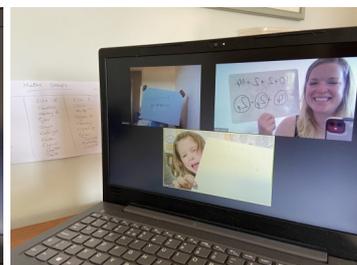
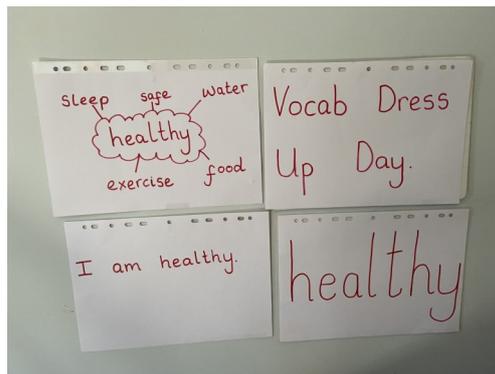
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Homeschool Heroes!



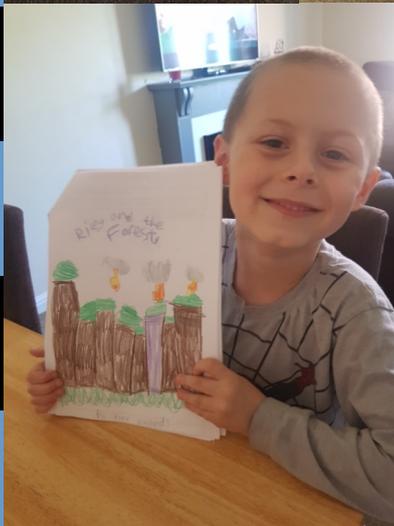
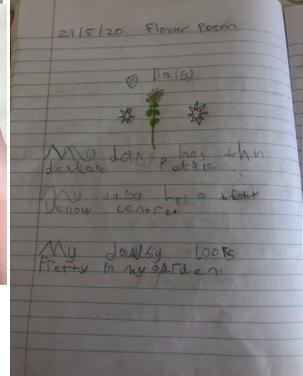
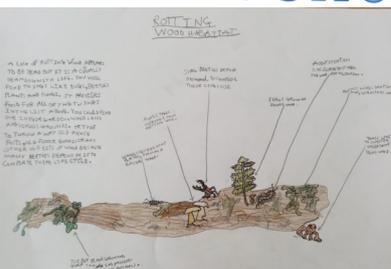
In Miss Jenkins' Reception Class the children dressed up as something that represented a word. They showed their word and their costume and we all had a go at writing a sentence and drew a picture for each word. Here are the results!



So Cute!

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Homeschool Heroes!



Great work!



School Heroes!
Some of the children still in school at the patch - outdoor learning.



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Our School Code



- To use good manners all day, every day.

- Listening to teachers, adults and other children



- Being polite

- Being gentle



- Being helpful



- Looking after ourselves, other people and our school, inside and outside



- To make sensible choices

- Remember to say sorry if necessary



- Always tell the truth



- Be proud of ourselves, our uniform and our school



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