



# QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Year 6 Parent/Carer,

This letter is to provide further information regarding the Academy opening to Year 6 pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

As stated in the previous letter, classrooms have been adapted and prepared, staff are trained in the new Operating Procedures and risk assessments have been completed. All of the arrangements made are in line with Government guidance and the Trust's Health and Safety Directorate.

I would like to share some of the safety measures that have been put in place in response to Government guidance and make you aware that your child's experience in school will be very different from when they were last here.

As you can imagine, it would be very difficult to share all of the logistics and adaptations but I have detailed the key aspects below to help inform your decision about your child returning to Queensmead:

- Children will be expected to maintain social distancing throughout their day using such measures as floor markings/ one-way systems and designated areas to enable a 'bubble' grouping.
- There will be a fixed 'bubble' of 8 pupils in each classroom who each have their own, fixed desk and equipment which will not be shared with other pupils. They will not be able to move freely around the classroom.
- Children will only be able to mix with others in their group including in the playground and at lunchtime whilst following social distancing measures.
- It is very likely that your child will not be taught by their usual class teacher but will be working with staff who they are familiar with.
- There will be structured sessions including maths, writing and reading with a large proportion of the day being spent accessing outdoor learning activities.
- Children are encouraged to bring a packed lunch and plenty of bottled water – no hot lunch will be available and if you require an Academy lunch, this must be ordered, in advance, at the office from a selection of sandwiches.
- No equipment (including pencil cases/bikes/scooters/balls etc) is permitted onto the Academy site.
- Different arrangements for drop offs and collections will be shared when you confirm that your child is returning. No parents will be allowed on site.

- To support you in making sure your child has freshly laundered clothing each day, we do not expect them to wear Academy uniform.
- Academy timings will be 9am -3pm daily, except Fridays when the Academy will close to pupils at 12.30 (after lunch) to facilitate deep cleaning.

It is essential that your child has a full understanding of all the measures implemented to support social distancing and we will do our utmost to ensure that social distancing occurs. Your complete cooperation with this is requested. Pupils who are unable to adhere to these measures may not be able to remain in the Academy.

If you make the decision to send your child back to Queensmead we will, as ever, do everything we can to provide the best possible experience for your child. If you make the decision that you want to keep your child at home at this uncertain time, then please be assured that we respect this decision. It will not impact on your child having a place at our Academy in the future nor will you be pressured about non-attendance or fined.

Please follow the link below to complete an electronic form regarding your decision. It is essential that this is completed even if you decide not to send your child. Please complete by no later than 12.30pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WnSRoNi3ek2yphNZBT1FEB0rUh7hIpdAkSuyfxHO4vpURVJSUUIEVzU0R0hKTVUxQ0o1TU1ORTNBUy4u>

Take care and stay safe

Kind regards



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Principal

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