

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carer

## Coronavirus - Bulletin - 16/3/20

We are, as you are aware, in unprecedented times. Whilst we appreciate that there may be some sense of anxiety, we would like to take this opportunity to provide some guidance on some key questions regarding Coronavirus and school.

**Attendance** - School will remain open and we will follow government guidance on staying open, when the situation and advice changes, we will respond accordingly. That said, if you are uncomfortable with your child attending school at the moment, then we will respect your decisions in this regard. We will not be pursuing fines for non-attendance at the current time but we would request that you continue to log absence in the usual way. If you are isolating your child or family due to medical symptoms, then please inform us ASAP and we will use a specific code for this absence. We appreciate that, as parents, you will be mindful of protecting yourselves, your children, and your extended family. Please take any precautions you feel necessary and keep us informed.

**Trips** - At this stage we are looking at whether it is possible to re-book some trips for the next academic year. All foreign and some domestic trips will be cancelled and refunds given. More information around any new bookings will be provided as we know more. Refunds will be issues in due course.

**School Show** – As we wish to limit the number of visitors to our school site, there will be no external/public performance of the school show this week. However, students will perform internally to students and staff with dates and times TBC. We are also planning a recording of the show. More information will follow once we know more.

**Go 4 Schools** - Please ensure that you and your child are able to log onto Go4Schools from home and also your child is able to access their school email account. In the event of a closure, this will be the method we will use to communicate with them. If you are concerned at all, please use your child's form tutor as the first point of contact.

**Sports Fixtures** – These have been cancelled due to other schools cancelling with QEGS at late notice resulting in unnecessary transport costs. Schools are also unwilling to send their staff and students to other venues such as QEGS and due to this uncertainty we have taken the decision to suspend all sports fixtures at this time.

**Parents Consultation Evening** - These are cancelled in their current format for Yr 10 - 31<sup>st</sup> March and Yr12 - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020. If school is open on these dates, you will receive a telephone call from the teacher at the time of your booking. If school is closed you will receive an email from the teacher. There are to be no parents on-site for PCE. The timings of the school day and travel arrangements will be as planned for all PCEs with a 2pm finish.

**Communication** - Should you need to make contact with us, if there is anything that you don't know and need to know, please email [enquiries@qegs.email](mailto:enquiries@qegs.email) and refrain from coming into school or telephoning unless in an emergency, as we need to keep our telephone lines free as much as possible. We intend to send a daily bulletin of this type to update parents of the changing situation as we continue to follow advice from the Government and Public Health England.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher