

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Coronavirus - Bulletin - 17/3/20

We hope that you and your family are all well and following the Government advice as indeed we are here at school.

**Partial Closure** – The decision to request Yr9 students to remain at home today (17.03.20) was due to significantly increased staff absence following recent Government advice and our inability to staff all lessons for all year groups. It is always a difficult decision to choose which year groups should be in or out of school and our decision was based around supporting parents by reducing any additional pressure on childcare (we did not feel asking Yr7 to remain at home was helpful); and also to ensure that our examination year groups Yrs11 and 12-13 could benefit from as much lesson time prior to their exams.

I can now confirm that we would also like Yr9 to remain at home on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March and students should access their learning online as outlined below.

To help parents plan ahead, at this stage we will be looking for Yr9 to return to school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March and for Yr10 to study at home on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Yr10 study work is currently being set by staff and will be ready for these two days. Yr9 and 10 students, should in theory, be able to follow their normal timetable on the days they are studying at home and this routine will ensure good breadth of learning.

**Absent Students** – For those students who are not in school due to any illness or due to year group absence, school work will be set on GO 4 Schools and/or email. There can sometimes be a delay with work appearing on Go 4 Schools, so please check later in the day if it not appearing straight away.

Please also see the attached list of websites that students should use to work online. Many of these can be used by students to work independently without specific work being set by class teachers. These are also available on the school website here: [www.qegs.link/usefullinks](http://www.qegs.link/usefullinks). If you are not able to access online work, please do let us know as alternatives can be provided, please contact [enquiries@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk).

**School Day** – We are trying to maintain our normal school routine wherever possible, including rewards and sanctions. Students are to continue to adhere to QEGS expectations; golden tickets, merits and distinctions continue to be awarded, also sanctions such as detentions, which we still expect students to attend.

**Examinations** – We have no information from the examination boards to date surrounding their plans for the summer series. We will let you know of any changes to arrangements as soon as we know ourselves.

**Communication** – Reminder that non-essential queries are to be kept to a minimum so that we can devote our time to priority and urgent matters. 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 as free as possible.

**General Cleanliness** - Regular cleaning is taking place throughout the school, particularly the toilets, internal door handles and other high frequency areas. We are paying additional attention to all contact surfaces, applying sanitiser spray at regular intervals when physically possible. We ask that you remind your children to wash their hands as often as possible, certainly at the start of the day, at break and lunch times. The toilets will be open and accessible all day. We will ensure that soap dispensers remain topped up and the toilets cleaned regularly. At lunch, we have introduced more staggered times for the canteen to ease congestion and to help areas to be cleaned more frequently.

**Trips** – We will provide further information as and when we know more regarding the booking of trips for next year.

To help support students through these uncertain times, please encourage your child to talk to their Form Tutor and/or Progress Leader about anything that is concerning them. Our priority before any learning is to care for our students and to ensure they are safe both physically and mentally.

Any changes to any year group not being in school will be issued as soon as possible by email and put on the school website.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SG', is written over a faint, illegible stamp.

Scott Garrity  
**Headteacher**

## Links and log on details for websites for online learning

**Doddlearn.** Used by English (y7-11), Maths (y7-11) and Science (y7-13)

[www.doddlearn.co.uk](http://www.doddlearn.co.uk)

Institution: type de6 and choose QEGS

Username: usually QEGS username Password: queenelizabeth (all lower case, no s, unless you have changed it).

**Seneca Learning** Resources for all subjects.

<https://www.senecalearning.com/>

Resources for all subjects. Can be set by teachers, but students can work through independently.

Students set up their own accounts. We recommend they do this using their school email address. Teachers can provide class codes if they have set these up.

**BBC Bitesize** All subjects at Key Stage 3 and GCSE

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

**Kerboodle** Science, MFL, Maths and Geography

<https://www.kerboodle.com/users/login> used by Science, MFL, Maths and Geography. Includes textbooks for these subjects and your teachers can set you assignments.

Your username is usually your initial and your surname, so John Smith is jsmith for example.

The password should be the same as the username unless the students have already changed them.

The Institution Code is pry3.

### **MFL Websites**

[www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) Username: queeneli Password: ilovelangs

[www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk) No logon needed

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zhsvr82> No logon needed

### **English Websites**

Mr Bruff YouTube Channel. [www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2vdqz-7e4HAuzhpFuRY8w](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2vdqz-7e4HAuzhpFuRY8w)

### **Music Websites**

[www.qegs.link/music](http://www.qegs.link/music) No logon needed

### **Creative Digital Media Websites**

<http://www.qegs.link/cdm> Students should all have their logins

### **Maths Websites**

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/> -login QEGSA password triangle

<https://corbettmaths.com/> All free access. Videos, worksheets and answers for all maths topics

<https://mathswatch.co.uk/> Students should all have their logins.

Login details generally are:

InitialSurname@queenelizabeths                      password QEGSmaths

Eg jsmith@queenelizabeths

Some students have a 1 or 2 after their surname due to multiplies. Please contact your maths teacher if you cannot logon.

## Science Websites

<https://www.youtube.com/c/primrosekittenscience> and

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqbOeHaAUXw9II7sBVG3\\_bw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqbOeHaAUXw9II7sBVG3_bw) both have videos on all GCSE topics