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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus – Bulletin – 20/3/20 – Second Update

This has possibly been the most testing, emotional challenging and equally, one of the most effective team building weeks of my career so far!

Thank you to all parents and carers for being so supportive. For acting on information and decisions with such short notice and helping to keep your children calm and in a routine of attending school if they have been able to do so. It has been really appreciated by my staff.

Nationally, schools close today without any clear indication of a re-opening date. We would like to remind parents, carers and students of the Government's advice and rationale around this decision. It is to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmitting to as many people as possible. Social distancing should be the norm and all non-essential activities should be avoided. This means that although the majority of our students will not be in school, they must be observing this advice day and night and not living their lives as they normally would.

My staff have been working hard this week to keep the school open for as long as possible and also to ensure provision and plans for students to continue their education at home, over the coming weeks. A reminder of the ways to access these resources is on the attached pages. Most school work will be set by your child's teacher via 'Go 4 Schools' and the website is the best place to get this. The Go 4 Schools App seems to be delayed, check the website first! If you or your child are having difficulty accessing the work, please inform us of the problem via enquiries@qegs.email

We have rapidly made plans to do our bit for the nation, to support frontline workers, enabling these amazing people to save lives and keep our country functioning. This means we will be opening on Monday 23rd March with skeleton staff and significantly scaled back site provision to provide this essential childcare for key workers who have requested to use QEGS as a last resort. Whilst it is not without its challenges, we are proud to be able to offer this provision. I must stress that this on-site provision has to be small-scale and only for vulnerable children or children of Key Workers who have registered with the school in the last 24hrs. The Government advice is clear, we cannot have other students on-site and we must maintain low numbers to limit risk.

Whilst the school is essentially closed, Free School Meals will still be available for those eligible students. Unfortunately, the Government voucher scheme announced on Thursday has already been exhausted and currently there are insufficient vouchers to meet demand. To bridge this deficiency, we have decided to offer a delivery scheme which parents can opt into and lunches for eligible students will be delivered on a daily basis. Further details are available from Mr Steve Bembridge via bembridge@qegs.email.

We also would like to make you aware of some useful sources of advice and counselling for those who feel they may be of use:

Kooth

Kooth is a free online Mental Health and Wellbeing resource for children and young people in Derby and Derbyshire that requires no formal referral, instead only requiring the user to set up an account on the website. Available 365 days of the year via mobile, tablet and desktop devices from 12 noon to 10pm Monday-Friday and 6pm-10pm at weekends. The service provides access to accredited counselling support, peer support via online forums and relevant articles detailing a variety of topics. To sign up, please visit www.kooth.com/

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Qwell

Qwell is a free online Mental Health and Wellbeing resource for parents and carers of young people under the age of 18 that requires no formal referral, instead only requiring the user to set up an account on the website. Available 365 days of the year via mobile, tablet and desktop devices from 12 noon to 10pm Monday-Friday and 6pm-10pm at weekends, the service provides access to accredited counselling support, peer support via online forums and relevant articles detailing a variety of topics. To sign up, please visit www.qwell.io/

We would also like to launch our weekly 'QEGS Challenge' on Monday 23rd March and this will be posted on the school website each Monday. We look forward to as many staff, students and parents being involved as possible.

Please keep your family and friends safe, keep washing hands and keep checking our website and your email for further updates.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher

Links and log on details for websites for online learning

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

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 Username: queeneli Password: ilovelangs

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

Music Websites

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 both have videos on all GCSE topics