



26th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus – Bulletin – 26/3/20

I hope you are all coping well, staying safe and keeping mentally and physically fit.

Please use our website for tips and ideas on how to keep active (Joe Wicks is an easy one at 9am each day!), advice on working from home and supporting your family in these unusual times:

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/useful-links/>

Easter Break

Our plan for Easter is to recognise the holiday period and take a break from the setting of school work. Instead, we will be setting more activity focused, project based and 'holiday style' activities. We feel it is important that students stay mentally and physically active and we want to support parents with ideas and activities which would serve this purpose. Students can still complete school work, extending their learning and/or catching up, although staff may not be as readily available over this period as they take their own break.

Home Working

We have been really impressed with how students have engaged with the challenge of online/home working. I must stress that staff and students are still getting used to this and most will be probably guilty of either too much or too little at this stage. Students should do what they can, when they can and also have time out in the garden while the weather is good. Don't forget the QEGS challenge www.qegs.link/challenge and let us know what you've done challenge@qegs.email.

Survey and Feedback on Home Working

It has been a big change for all of us, so after the first week we'd like to ask you a few questions to see how things are going and if there is anything else we can do to support you. The survey requests the below information and can be found via:

www.qegs.link/homeworkingsurvey

1. *Child's Year group*
2. *Is the amount of work that has been set too much, about right, too little (with room for a comment if needed)?*
3. *Have you had any issues accessing any of the websites/links that we have been using?:*
 - a. *GO 4 schools*
 - b. *Teams*
 - c. *School intranet*
 - d. *School email*
 - e. *Doodlelearn*
 - f. *Mathswatch*
 - g. *Other(s)*

4. *If you have any other comments, including any other ways that we can support you, please add them.*

Office at Home

Some students and parents have informed us they do not have access to certain resources such as Office 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc). As we use a school license, staff and students have free access to all these products on up to 5 devices:

Installing Office:

- Go to <https://portal.office.com>
- Log in
- Click "Install Office" top right of the screen, follow the on screen instructions

This will work for up to 5 computers that the member of staff/student uses.

Activating Office:

If you get prompted to activate an already installed version of office use your normal @queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk email address and current password.

Reminder of how to #thankateacher <https://thankateacher.co.uk/>

We will continue to provide updates as and when we have new information. In the meantime, take care, keep washing hands and stay at home!

Yours faithfully



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