

# QI Noticeboard EXTRA

September 2020

Dear Parents,

In the current exceptional circumstances, I am sending this QI Noticeboard EXTRA, to update you on several school matters now, rather than waiting until the Half Term break.

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your co-operation and patience with our new 'fluid' drop off and collection system. It has been lovely seeing so many of you during the mornings these past few days and I wish I had no other commitments so that I could do this all the time! Over the week, we have been reviewing our systems and, whilst they have, for the most part, been highly successful, we have made a few changes which I will share with you below.

I am delighted that, considering the extended time out of school, the children are settling in remarkably well, and attendance has been high. All children are getting used to the new routines and seem to be enjoying being back – although quite tired today! To ease their transition from Foundation, we have taken the opportunity to allow our Year 1s to spend some time back in their former classrooms prior to our new Year F children starting next week.

It is of course the time of year when many of us get minor illnesses. I am grateful that parents are being so responsible and arranging for family members to be tested for COVID-19 if they have a high temperature, even though the result is expected to be negative – thank you for your vigilance.

It is so wonderful to be back together as a community and I look forward to this continuing. Mrs Allen

## Arrival and Collection using the Pedestrian One Way System

As I mentioned above, we have been monitoring our 'fluid' arrival and collection arrangements and listening to feedback from parents during this first full week back.

From Monday 14th September, we are introducing some changes that we hope will help everyone whilst maintaining the ability to be socially-distanced and reduce the risk of transmission of the coronavirus.

**Please refer to the new site plan which accompanies this newsletter.** In particular, we would like to draw your attention to:

- **Separate entry and exit points**, to support the one-way system and minimise social contact.
- **Re-opening the Aintree Drive entrance** on a trial basis **for ENTRY onto the site only.**
- **Introducing 'Waiting' points** marked by a barrier on the school site, to alleviate some of the queuing on the roadside outside school – please do not go past these before 8:30am or 3pm.
- **Introducing 'Stop' points** – please wait behind these points, queuing at a 2m distance and facing forwards until the classroom doors are open. We need to avoid parents having to congregate in groups outside each classroom.

### Children Arriving at School Independently

Any child arriving independently must follow the same social-distancing arrangements as adults, adhering to the pedestrian one-way system and waiting if they arrive before 8:30am.

### Dropping your Child at an Entrance

Parents of older children may choose to say goodbye to their child just inside the Cornelius Drive or Burnside entrances at the 'Waiting' point, then continue directly to the nearest exit point rather than following the full one way system around the school. The child can then use the one way system independently to walk to their classroom alone.

**Note:** This is not possible at the Aintree Drive entrance, which is currently an entry point only.

### Aintree Drive Access

This is being re-opened on a trial basis for **ENTRY ONLY** from 8:30 to 8:50am and 3:00 – 3:20pm, linking up with the existing one way system already in place.

Parents will still need to **EXIT** via Cornelius Drive or Burnside. The public footpath just beyond the Cornelius Drive gate can be used to return to Aintree Drive.

### Please...

DO NOT give in to the temptation to form groups and chat.

DO NOT allow children to play together when arriving at or leaving the school site.

DO maintain a 2m distance from others.

## Breakfast Club and Accessing the School Part Way through the Day

To access **Breakfast Club**, please approach the hall directly.

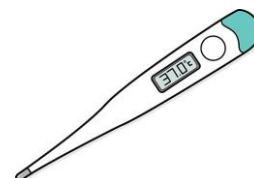
To access the school site part way through the day, please approach School Reception directly.

In these instances, outside of our main arrival and collection times, you do not need to follow the pedestrian one way system around the whole school building. Afterwards, please leave the site via the nearest pavement route, re-joining the one way system to exit.

## Can I send my child to school?

Your child can attend school, unless they have:

- a temperature above 37.8 °C (or one that is high for them).
- a new continuous cough
- loss of taste or smell
- a member of their household with one or more of the above symptoms



In these circumstances, your household must self-isolate and you should arrange for a coronavirus test. Please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Other reasons for your child to stay away from school include:

- Vomiting or Diarrhoea (48 hour exclusion)
- Another diagnosed illness which prevents them from attending school
- Advice not to attend by a medical professional

Please report your child's absence and the reason to the school office on 023 92 268067.

## PE Days

On your child's PE Day, they will need to wear their named kit (including tracksuit and trainers) to school for the full day.

The children's PE days were texted to parents this week, but this information is also available on the 'Year Group Learning' pages on our website.

## Footwear

Girls wearing shoes without straps need to bring a change of footwear to make the most of our trim track facilities.



Children wearing pumps cannot use the trim track for safety reasons.

## Learning and Progress

We are concentrating on getting back into routine, while helping the children adjust to new classroom layouts and procedures. One of our focuses at the moment is building emotional resilience. Academically, our initial aim is to identify where the children are in their learning so that we can move forward and support them to make progress.



**Thank you to all the children for bringing in your fantastic Summer Learning Projects and wonderful self-portraits!**

Normally, we would invite parents in to school to view this learning; since current circumstances prevent this, we will endeavour to put a gallery onto our website shortly. ☺



## INSET / Diary Dates 2020

School Photos on **Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

INSET on **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> November**

INSET on **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> January**

PROVISIONAL INSET on **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> March** (may be subject to change)

ENFORCED CLOSURE on **Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> May** (Polling Station)

INSET on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**