

# Queen's Inclosure Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Preparation for September 2020

We are pleased that, so far, there are no changes to the Government's plans for schools to fully re-open in the Autumn Term, so we are continuing our plans to welcome Years 1 to 6 back on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. Whilst we still have a couple more weeks ahead of us, in the circumstances, we felt it may be useful to provide parents with advice about the children's return now, as we know that many of you like to prepare ahead. Our intention is to be helpful, rather than a source of additional pressure, so we will of course understand if some of you may prefer to process this information nearer to the start of term.

We are optimistic that most children will be pleased to get back to school and will settle quickly into previously familiar routines. We are also confident that we can support the children's successful re-integration into formal education and, to help us achieve this, we would greatly appreciate you completing the questionnaire on the 'September 2020 Return' page of our website to provide us with further information about your child. Teachers will use the information provided to inform their planning and teaching when the children initially return. It will also help us to identify where additional support may be needed for children and their families. **Please could you complete the questionnaire by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September:**

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=148&form=215>

In addition, we have drawn on advice and guidance from a range of sources to help you prepare your child for a positive return to school in September. The following tips are considered the most useful pieces of advice:

### 1. Re-establish a routine

During lockdown, for many of us, our routines will have changed. Some of us will have been waking up later and going to bed later. To help your child prepare, it would be beneficial to re-establish the routine of getting up at the right time for school as we get closer to their return in September.

### 2. Put your child in control

Talk to your child about how they can stay safe in school - for example, washing their hands before and after eating, and when they come in from outside. Ensure they understand why they have to keep a safe distance from their friends and classmates, and 2 metres away from adults in the school. Please reassure them that we are putting measures in place to help keep them safe, including having class 'bubbles' and not mixing with others, having their own year group breaktime areas and play equipment, and having a one-way system around the school to keep everyone apart.

### 3. Share information

Having received information from us about the return to school, please discuss this with your child, so that they can visualise the arrangements. For example, you could explain some of the information provided in our letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> July:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/site/data/files/files/communication/whole%20school/4C67EBD8D6390E877C4F4D657694B4D3.pdf>.

We have also created a social story for each year group which may be helpful for you to share with your child – please find these on the ‘September 2020 Return’ page of our website, where we have also included other advice to help your child adjust:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=September+2020+Return&pid=148>

#### 4. Discuss any worries

It would be completely normal for any child to have mixed emotions about returning to school and many people will be feeling exactly the same. Young minds have created a page with tips on ‘starting a conversation with your child’ <https://youngminds.org.uk/starting-a-conversation-with-your-child/>

#### 4. Be prepared

Encourage your child to find their uniform, PE kit, book bag, library books, drinks bottle etc., so that this is not left to the last minute, creating anxiety. Collecting together any items lent by the school would also be helpful and ensure that these are ready to be returned.

#### 6. Seek support

The transition back into school may be more challenging for some children than others. If you feel that your child is struggling, please either include details in your questionnaire response or use the ‘Contact Us’ facility our website.

**However, please be aware that the school will now be completely closed until the beginning of September, so we will be unable to respond until then.** Rest assured that, as soon as we are back, we will be happy to help in any way we can.

On our ‘September 2020 Return’ webpage, we have also included our **Summer Learning Project for 2020**, which we hope all children will engage with in some way. Our intention is to enable the children to share their recent experiences with one another as they start in their new classes, as a means to help unite them, as well as providing an outlet for the children to process this unusual period in their young lives. We will then collate each year group’s contributions to make a ‘2020 Time Capsule’ for them to re-visit in the future. Please see:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/site/data/files/files/communication/whole%20school/2BEFD440C837C4F55A6C3CAEB05A9308.pdf>

Finally, when we first provided ‘Learning at Home’, as one of the tasks, we asked the children to do a self-portrait to bring back to school with them on their return. We would love to make a gallery of all the children’s pictures, so would be grateful if your child could bring this with them on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September and thank you for working in partnership with us to help achieve the very best we can for your child.

Meanwhile, I hope that you and your families are all well and have been able to enjoy some of the recent wonderful summer weather.

Yours sincerely



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