



Welcome to Queens Inclosure Primary School Information for New Parents 2020-2021

Our Vision:

"To create an outstanding learning community where every child is encouraged and supported to be their very best and is equipped with the skills and attributes for their lifelong learning journey."

What will my child learn at QI?

During the first half term, we will spend our time getting to know your child as a unique individual. We will then plan the rest of our year around their likes and interests, and include all 7 areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum. This will include early reading skills, phonics, writing and maths.



How will my child learn at QI?

At QI, we believe that children learn best when they show high levels of well-being and involvement. We all do our best when we're happy!

We provide high quality provision for both child and adult-initiated learning, giving time for children to explore at their own pace and seek challenges for themselves. We consider carefully when to intervene to help consolidate a child's learning and take it forward - and when to keep quiet!

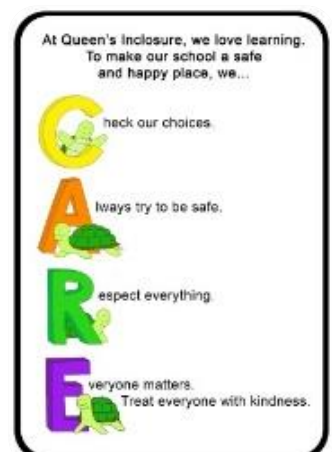


We nurture an intrinsically motivated ethos, where children are encouraged to love learning for its own sake and not for the reward that may be given by an adult. Children are given praise that is specific to what they are doing and always encouraged to reflect and improve.

What is the schools' policy on behaviour?

We believe that behaviour is a way of communicating, therefore we talk about the behaviour rather than the person.

We do not label children. We talk about behaviours as choices. We have 'green light choices' 😊 and 'red light choices' ☹️. As a result of a red light choice, a sanction will be given. This will depend upon the nature of the choice made and the impact of the behaviour on others. We will always inform parents of any incident that has required a sanction so you are aware that we have dealt with this appropriately in school.



Will my child be able to play?

Yes, of course! At QI, we believe that play is a central part of the Early Years Curriculum.

'Play-based learning' enables children to discover connections with things they already know and helps to further develop their understanding.

Our learning in Foundation is always active and fun (and usually messy)!



Will my child have access to structured learning time?

Yes! During the Autumn Term, the adults in Foundation will be spending their time collecting observations and assessments of your children. This is so we can really get to know each individual child and know exactly where they are developmentally and their particular learning style.

As the year goes on, we will increase the amount of structured learning time, when we introduce Cornelius' Challenge time and writing time.



Who is Cornelius?

Cornelius the dragon is extremely curious! He loves to ask questions and find out all about the learning that the children are doing. He is often asking for help to solve problems and providing opportunities for the children to investigate, enquire and show pride in their achievements.



How will I find out how my child is learning and developing at QI?

At QI we operate an 'open door' policy.

As well as this, throughout the year, we offer Parent Consultation Evening appointments.

We will also send home reports to detail how your child is learning. These will relate to the Characteristics of Effective Learning (which include playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking critically), as well as their areas of strength and development and an overall end of year judgement.

Will I have the opportunity to share my child's learning with them?

Absolutely! We offer a number of opportunities for you to come into school with your child to 'Stay and Play'.

Occasionally, the 'Stay and Play' sessions will be linked to a particular area of learning. During these sessions you will be given the opportunity to share a particular element of your child's learning e.g. phonics or maths.

What is COAT day?

Cornelius' Outdoor Adventure Time!

On a designated day each week, your child will be asked to come into school in a tracksuit and trainers. The morning session will be an opportunity to spend quality time learning in our amazing grounds. The afternoon session will be our outdoor PE time, and we will take part in a variety of activities to develop the children's gross motor skills and co-ordination. We will also need wellies and waterproofs to be left at school at all times as we go outside whatever the weather!



What will happen at lunchtime?

For the first half term, all Foundation staff will support your child in the hall.

Each class has a dedicated Play Leader to supervise the children in the hall, and then in the classroom environment where they will have an indoor playtime.



If you have any further questions regarding your child's first year in formal education, please contact us using the facility on our website and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Contact+Us&pid=2>