

QE Open Days for Year 5 and 6 children

For those of you wanting to find out more information about QE Secondary School, all details of their Virtual Open Day, limited tours and Question and Answer sessions are available on their website:

<https://www.qe.devon.sch.uk/parents/open-day-and-tours/>

Park Safety

I've had a couple of reports from parents this week that some older children have been physically attacking younger children in the local parks. Please bear this in mind if your child goes out with friends unsupervised.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wearing Face Masks on the School Site As I'm sure you are aware, more restrictions have been put in place nationally this week following an increase in Coronavirus cases. As part of our duty of care we are constantly reviewing our practice and protocols in an effort to keep all of our children, staff and the wider community as safe as possible. One of the areas that causes me concern at the moment is the difficulty for our parents to maintain social distancing during drop off and particularly pick up times. Although we have looked at ways to alleviate some of the congestion, it is still very difficult for you all to pass through the school site whilst maintaining a reasonable distance from those around you. In an effort to safeguard everyone, the governors and I have decided to introduce a policy that all adults will be required to wear a face mask whilst on the school site for drop off and pickup times. As a preventative measure, this should help to slow the spread of the disease in our community. Although Devon is identified as a medium risk area, it only takes two members of staff to test positive and we may then have to close the school down (and I am sure none of us want to face further home schooling!). I am therefore asking you to follow this new request in an effort to keep everyone safe and to ensure that our staff remain healthy and able to educate your children.



Letter from Public Health England The DfE have asked us to circulate a letter which has been produced by Public Health England. The letter explains when a person requires a Coronavirus test and what the symptoms of Coronavirus are. The intention of the letter is to help prevent children being taken out of school unnecessarily and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing. We have sent the letter out today along with this newsletter.

School Census Day Next Thursday, **1st October** is our census day. The numbers recorded on that day determine the level of funding we receive for the following year. It is paramount that as many children as possible, particularly from KS1 and Reception, order and take a meal on that day, even if they don't normally have one. **Please strongly encourage your child to have a school meal on that day as it will help the school's funding for next year.** The children in KS1 and Reception may bring their packed lunch if they want to but will still be able to take a school meal and try it. The menu on that day will be: Hot dogs and curly fries or jacket potato with beans and cheese and shortbread with ice cream for dessert.

Congratulations to Matthew and Evie Harris who have both been awarded 'Green' Blue Peter badges for their work in the garden during lockdown. Matt has built a bug hotel with the help of Evie and his dad and Evie has been busy planting. Well done to you both and keep up the great work.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely
Debbie Main

