



QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the half term break at the end of this week, I would like to take this opportunity to once again express my gratitude to both students, staff and you for supporting and adapting to the new ways of working, which are in place to mitigate the risk as far as we possibly can. This has not been an easy half term for anyone, but the resilience shown by all to triumph over adversity is commendable.

Following Mr Johnson's message last night, there are no immediate impacts to the school but as we journey through half term, this could change. I will therefore contact you over the half term, should any further announcements be made which could have an impact on the school. I can confirm that there are no positive cases of covid-19 within the school at present, which is testament to everything we are all doing.

Over the last week it was a delight to celebrate birthdays with our preparatory children adhering to social distancing within the relevant key stages. So many wonderful co-curricular activities are continuing to flourish. Congratulations to all the members of the karting team who triumphed last weekend. Our parent meetings have been incredibly successful and thank you to the parents who have contacted me to say they prefer Teams meetings to face to face meetings. Hopefully, a combination of both, when we can, will suit all.

Regarding uniform there will be no change to the existing arrangements. This will be reviewed again at Christmas. For children with a laptop device, I would be grateful if you could ensure your child has their device at home with them during half term.

For parents of Year 11 children. The [Department for Education \(DfE\) has announced](#) that GCSE exams will go ahead next summer. Most exams will take place three weeks later than usual. The summer exam series will start on 7 June and end on 2 July. However, one GCSE English and one GCSE maths paper will be scheduled before the summer half term, to give students affected by covid the best chance of being able to sit at least one paper in these two qualifications. The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) will shortly be consulting on a provisional version of the new exam timetable for summer 2021. GCSE Results day will be on Friday 27 August for GCSEs, which is later than previous years. Our Examination Officer; Mrs Julie Harrold will be in communication with all parents and there will be meeting with Year 11 students to discuss the forthcoming examinations on the 5th November 2020

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 2nd November 2020.

With warmest wishes
Mrs Jo Storey
Principal