



QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It only seems a couple of days since I last wrote to you as time seems to be passing very quickly. I would firstly like to express my gratitude for all the donations of clean uniform to the school for redistribution. Your donations have been extremely well received and we are extremely grateful for your assistance in this matter. I would also like to add that if anyone is having difficulty obtaining specific items or requires any uniform, please contact reception, who will be happy to arrange items to be sent or collected adhering to social distancing rules, and if you still have unwanted uniform, it would certainly be very gratefully received.

This week we have been able to resume many co-curricular clubs and I hope you are enjoying many of our social media posts. We have also been very fortunate with the weather and therefore where possible, we continue to teach outside. May I remind parents and students who use our buses that if you have signed up for a club or change a club that you inform reception 72 hours in advance, so that this change is noted. As you will appreciate our bus drivers have a list of students that they are expecting on their bus and will not leave without them.

I am delighted to announce that Dr Mary Lakin will be joining Quinton House on Monday 21st September to work alongside Mrs Whitehouse in Science until Mrs Whitehouse leaves for maternity leave in October. Dr Lakin has a wealth of experience in top independent schools and I know that you will join me in welcoming her to our community.

Thank you for all the feedback regarding the food. It has been greatly appreciated and following a meeting on Monday, I will update you further regarding some changes.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the coronavirus. As we are all aware numbers are rising and the potential serious consequences facing us all. In March when we were all asked to make sacrifices to ultimately save lives, we had a choice and many of us did everything we could to prevent the virus spreading. Our lives were incredibly disrupted, and it was hard. We faced many obstacles, but we chose to help our wonderful NHS, wherever possible to prevent more lives being lost. We did it together. Many people are still suffering the mental anguish of what they had to endure and together we are working to ensure their mental health improves.

We are now at another crossroads, compounded by the fact that we are also moving into the winter months, which under normal circumstances is hard enough. All of us have the power to decide the direction of this virus in terms of its impact and whether we ultimately, as a community, beat this virus. We all want schools to remain open so that our children can continue with their holistic education and permit parents and guardians to return to the workplace. This week I was shocked when I was informed of parties being held with large numbers of students attending them. There will be ample opportunities to celebrate with parties in the future but for now, I ask all of us to take responsibility for the wellbeing of everyone within our community and desist from this irresponsible activity. We are unable to beat this virus in isolation.

As we commence the third week back to school, I am delighted to inform everyone that we have no confirmed cases of the virus at present. However, we are never complacent, and we will continue to do everything we can to mitigate the risks at school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. I am only ever a phone call away.

With warmest wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Storey', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Jo Storey
Principal