



QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach our fourth week of term our students have settled back into a routine and have adapted to the new ways of working admirably. I am delighted to be able to inform you that we currently do not have any positive cases of the coronavirus.

We are faced with a worrying spike in the number of new coronavirus cases and the restrictions that we have in place, are ultimately there to keep your son/daughter and everyone in the community safe. As you are all aware, these restrictions mean that the students are bubbled and it is the staff who move around in the senior school to mitigate the risks. We all appreciate how difficult this can be for students to be in one place, and it is therefore very important that they have some additional time to physically move when possible for the purposes of breaks/exercise. We have encouraged outside teaching wherever this has been possible (weather dependent) and also have extended the break and lunch time. Thank you so much to all the parents for your affirmation of our arrangements and your continued kind comments. During a pandemic they are so warmly received by everyone at the school.

Prior to the summer I introduced online Teams meetings for parent/guardians of all years and promised that these would continue. This week we had our first set of parents' evenings on Teams and the feedback has been warmly received. On 30th September at 7.00pm I will be holding a year 7 Q&A session. Mrs Tipler will be sending out details on how to join this meeting on Monday. There will be further Teams meetings for all years during this term.

Following on from my letter last week, I have held several meetings with Chartwells, our catering company, this week to discuss the catering. We have a new leading chef joining us with immediate effect as a catering manager and over the coming weeks you will notice significant changes to the menus. I will also be holding a Teams meeting on the 5th October for senior school parents and students and on the 7th October for preparatory school parents and students to discuss the significant changes that are being made. Our catering company Chartwells will also be present on the Teams calls. Further details regarding these meetings will be sent on Monday.

We have now received many donations of clean uniform so if you struggling to obtain any of the school uniform through our suppliers, please contact reception who may be able to assist. I am working with the supplier to address the immediate supply issues

As we are aware the government has advised that wherever possible staff should work from home. This is not possible in a school environment, however, over half term there will be no nursery club so that the school can have intensive cleaning to ensure we are ready for the second half of the term. Your support and understanding is always appreciated.

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Mr Clarke and Ms Cheney on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Isla who arrived on Monday. Mother and baby are doing well.

Over the next two weeks we will be rolling out the 1-2-1 devices to all students from year 3 upwards. All the devices will be personalised and loaded with the relevant software and appropriate tools. Further details regarding 1-2-1 devices can be found within our back to school document.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

With warmest wishes

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

Mrs Jo Storey

Principal