



QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back for the second half of the Michaelmas Term. I do hope you have found time to rest and recharge your batteries over the break, despite the national and global situation, by which we continue to be challenged.

Work at Quinton has continued over the half term break, with cricket squares being created, in addition to the hard core area being regenerated.

We are all aware of the continued impact of covid-19. At Quinton, we remain vigilant, ensuring we mitigate any risk as far as possible. Over half term, we have created a one-way system around the whole school, so that students can access more classrooms within the senior school. To ensure the safety of everyone, students will continue to wash and sanitise accordingly. However, within the senior school, students will be required to sanitise their hands when entering any classroom. In addition, senior school students will be required to wear a mask when leaving lessons and whilst in communal areas. Recreational areas will still be bubbled.

It is vital for the term to begin, as we mean it to continue. To that end, all students should arrive and travel to the room in which they met at the beginning of the academic year. Tutor time and the first period will be used to give out timetables and ensure that everyone is aware of their responsibility for the coming weeks. I would be grateful if you could impress on your son/daughter the importance of adhering to all the instructions. We want to ensure the continuation of all the wonderful things we do at Quinton and that happiness remains, and grows, as we take pleasure in our community. It is completely possible to achieve this, whilst still mitigating the coronavirus risk. Years 7 & 8 students will be split into their original forms. Mr Sirett will have been in contact with parents at the beginning of term.

Expectations regarding school uniform remain, as they were before. Please do not allow your children to wear hybrid versions of the outfit designated for the day. As always, hair should be cut appropriately. May I remind you that it remains the case that extreme hairstyles are not acceptable. In order to maximise the safe use of exercise space, we will close the main gates at both break time and lunchtime. Should you wish to drop something off, please call as usual and our Security Marshall or a staff member will meet you.

It will not have escaped your notice that our Prime Minister has announced significant changes and increases to pandemic lockdown measures. Whilst different in some ways from the lockdown in the spring, it will have a marked impact upon us all. I wish to assure you that we remain incredibly well prepared and equipped to deal with what continues to be a rapidly changing situation. As always, our young people are at the forefront of our priorities and we encourage you all to keep the lines of communication open with us, such that the welfare of all students and their families is maintained at the

highest level. We have done this before, we can do it again, of that I have no doubt. I am enormously proud of the resilience and courage of each member of our school community, and I have continued faith that this will carry us through this next testing phase.

May I remind everyone to telephone my PA: Mrs Samantha Tipler or email me directly, if you have any information regarding a suspected case of coronavirus. This will enable me to act in accordance with the guidelines, produced by the regulatory bodies, ensuring we safeguard everyone.

November is a month of remembrance. We remember with pride and gratitude, all those who gave their lives in the two World Wars, as well as other conflicts, which have raged, and continue to rage, around the world. Their sacrifice has allowed us to live with the freedoms we so often take for granted and provided us with the opportunity and security to build our own future. We also remember on All Saints' and All Souls' Days, those close to us whom we have lost. Our remembrance will be entirely personal but, this year, we also come together in shared remembrance, of those who have been most severely affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding. Such loyal assistance enables all of us 'Key Workers' to ensure that our efforts bear fruit.

I am enclosing the term dates for the academic year 2021-22. These will also be made available on the school website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With warmest wishes,

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

Mrs Jo Storey
Principal