

Queensbury School

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29th April 2020,

Dear Parents / Carer,

RE: **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – School site opening**

New guidance has been released this afternoon by Public Health England for Birmingham indicating that children that are unable to maintain 2m social distancing, have care needs, behaviour needs or cognitive needs must have staff working with those students with relevant PPE. This effects all the special schools in Birmingham more significantly than those students in main stream schools due to the needs of the children.

Currently there is a **national shortage of PPE**. The school is working with the local authority, public health and government to ensure we have **adequate stock** before **reopening any provision**.

The school **has a legal duty of care to keep students, visitors and staff safe from harm**. At this point in time we are unable to give a set re-opening date and will only re-open the site when we have the equipment to keep relevant individuals safe from harm. We are working around the clock to enable this but as you will have seen in the media, this is a national crisis and continue to review this situation and update.

In the meantime, we will remain open virtually through our home learning teams. Purple Mash – new platform for learning from home launches on Monday 4th May 2020.

- <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/queensbury>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOiu1dhTj5c&safe=true>

Any parents or families that have difficulties can talk to their teachers on the weekly calls and provide case by case solutions or email welfare@queensbury.bham.sch.uk

This decision is not taken lightly to keep the site closed but unfortunately we have no other option when safety is the most paramount decision. I am sure you understand this.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

Chris Wilson
Interim Head teacher with executive powers



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