

Queensbury School

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5th May 2020,

Dear Parents / Carer,

RE: **School site opening for Key Workers and Vulnerable provision**

The asbestos removal and boiler room works will be completed for the 7th May 2020. This means we are in the position to open keyworker provision or vulnerable children provision on part of our site.

The main school is currently having new flooring installed in the corridors, to easy clean flooring to increase our hygiene levels. Therefore, any provision in next two weeks will operate in Sixth Form building.

The position with the Government has not changed. Currently the guidance states **“If it is safer at home, than at school, then children should remain at home”**.

The school will provide key worker or vulnerable children provision if it is evident that there is a legitimate need to do so. If the child is at immediate risk of harm the school will be providing provision for these children or if Key workers are unable to fulfil their duties, due to childcare. If the position of a family has changed. Parents, professionals or other agencies can complete a referral form <https://queensburysch.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Provision-Referral-Request.docx> and send to welfare@queensbury.bham.sch.uk.

This information will go to a Welfare Panel, who will assess what support or provision is to be put in place, on a case by case basis. For students requiring transport, Travel Assist have requested 48 hours' notice to be able to provide provision. They are also only operating with 2 students on a bus to maintain social distancing.

Staff in school will be wearing PPE in some situations according to the guidance released last week by BCC Public Health for some children with SEND. The school **has a legal duty of care to keep students, visitors and staff safe from harm**.

We have managed to secure some very small stocks of PPE. This means any provision we operate at the moment must be essential, until the school has a robust and certain supply chain. I would like to thank the generosity of the Sutton Schools for 150 visors and the Anomaly Group who have helped the school with fluid resistant face masks. The Local Authority has also supplied the school with small quantities of PPE. We will continue to source PPE, so when in a position to reopen, we have the required stocks to operate.

We await, further guidance from the government on how schools will reopen and have contractors in the school looking at how we can mark and maintain social distancing. The school has also purchased a thermal imaging camera



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and will be taking the temperatures (from 2.5m distance) of students, visitors and staff, to ensure we lower the risk for all.

We are aware that the national system from the Department for Education for Free school meal vouchers, has caused a number of difficulties with families across the country. We are working with DFE on this and staff have been putting in an incredible amount of time to enable this. Mrs Wolverson and the Welfare teams are able to support in other ways if your situation is urgent – please contact welfare@queensbury.bham.sch.uk.

The staff are really missing the students and we want to get back to operating in a more normal fashion as soon as possible. We appreciate how difficult this has been for families and are truly grateful for you keeping your child and others safe during this COVID 19 outbreak. Stay safe and remember to get logged into Purple Mash: <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/queensbury>

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

Chris Wilson
Interim Head teacher with executive powers



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