

Parent/Carer Letter – Early Closure (Amber Weather Warning)**Date:** Thursday, 8th January 2026**Subject:** Early closure of Queensbury School and New Horizon – **Friday, 9th January 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the **Met Office Amber weather warning** for heavy snow affecting the West Midlands overnight into **Friday, 9th January**, and in the interests of safety for all students, families, and staff, we are taking the early decision to **close both Queensbury School and New Horizon sites on Friday**. Travel disruption and dangerous conditions are forecast during the Friday morning period, therefore we are undertaking this to try and give families and parents as much notice as possible.

Remote learning:

- Staff will post lessons and activities on the **Purple Mash** remote learning platform on Friday morning.
- Students should log in and complete the work set by their teachers.
- See attached information on how to access Purple Mash.

Please see the link for the attached guide: https://www.purplemash.com/app/code/docs/parent_2Dosguide

Any issues or queries regarding Purple Mash, please email Mrs Gill at:


remotelearningsupport@queensbury.eiat.org.uk or contact the class form team and support will be provided. We do not take this decision to close lightly. However, given the forecasted conditions and the potential impact on travel and site safety, early closure is the most responsible course of action.

Updates & communications:

- Further updates will be shared via the **school website** and our usual parent communication channels.
- We will confirm plans for reopening as soon as conditions allow but at this point in time, please assume we will be open as normal on Monday.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards

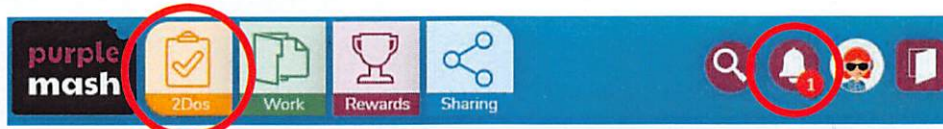


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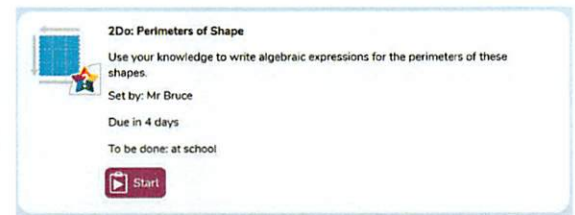
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2Do's: Parent Guide

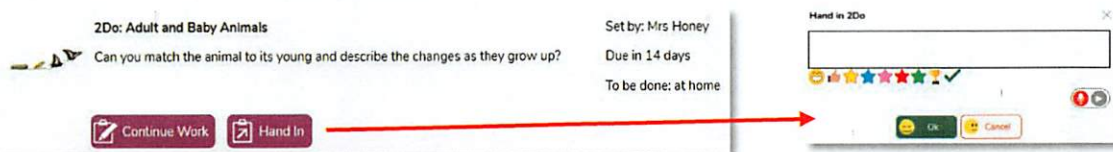
- 2 A **2Do** is a task that has been set for your child to complete.
- 2 Your child can access their 2Dos either via the notification bell or by clicking the 2Do icon at the top of the screen.



- 2 2Dos have a 'due by' date (specified by the teacher) which you will be able to see in the 2Do menu. After the due by date has passed, your child will not be able to complete or hand in their work if they haven't already done so. Contact your child's teacher if they need an extension on the due date.



- 2 There are a variety of activity types in Purple Mash for children to complete. Many of them require children to create things like pictures, written work, posters or design games etc. If these activities are set as 2Do for your child, they can save the work at any time and return to finish it later by going back to the 2Do screen using the **Continue Work** button. Once they are happy they are finished with their work, they can **Hand In**. When they do this, they are prompted to leave their teacher a comment as to how well they got on. If they wish, they can record a voice message for their teacher to listen to, by clicking the microphone button.



- 2 Some activities in Purple Mash have a different hand-in procedure: Quizzes, games and tests will automatically be handed in once completed. Your child's teacher will be notified when work is completed and can view scores and other relevant information about how well each child got on with the task.
- 2 The example below shows the end of a maths quiz and how it appears in the **Done** 2Do menu once it has been completed. It has an automatically generated hand-in comment. The child can open their work if they want to check what they have done.



- 2 Your child doesn't need to think about where to save their work when they complete a 2Do, it is stored in a temporary folder for their teacher to access, view and comment on work for the class collectively. When the teacher has finished checking all children's work, they will "close" the 2Do and each pupil's work gets sent to their Work folder, in a sub-folder named 'Done 2Dos'.